

by Rural Dean, Rev. W. A. Burman, assisted by the Incumbent of the parish, the Rev. W. R. Johnstone. The meeting of the Ruridecanal Chapter followed, the members assembling at the parsonage. A very pleasant and profitable forenoon was spent in the reading and study of Titus III.

At 2 p.m. the meeting proper of the Rural Deanery was opened by the Rural Dean with a short address of welcome. There was a good attendance of lay representatives of the parishes. A paper by the Rural Dean on the "Prayer Book in relation to our modern needs" led to a very full and instructive discussion, which was brought to a close by the following resolution moved by Mr. J. G. Dagg and seconded by Mr. W. Scott, "That the Rural Dean, with the Revs. W. R. Johnstone, C. R. Littler and J. G. Anderson and the mover and seconder be a committee to draw up a memorial which should be forwarded to the Executive Committee for presentation to the Diocesan Synod, embodying the views of this meeting in regard to changes which seem desirable in the Prayer Book." This was carried unanimously.

The next subject on the programme was the consideration of "Difficulties in the Parishes." This also proved very interesting, the main points debated being "the advisability of making one general appeal for Diocesan work, instead of five as at present," "the working of the envelope system as a means of promoting healthy and regular giving" and "the need of more equitable distribution of parish work among its lay representatives."

In the evening at eight o'clock, a missionary meeting was held in the Church. The day had been stormy and cold, and the attendance was consequently small. After a hymn, the reading of a portion of scripture and a short service of prayer, interesting addresses were delivered by the Rural Dean Rev. Messrs. Anderson, Coates, Littler and Johnstone, and by Messrs. Thomas and Raven, lay workers. It was felt that the meetings had been a source of much encouragement and benefit. It was arranged that the next quarterly meeting should be held at the town of Selkirk.

ALL SAINTS, WINNIPEG.

The Ladies' Aid Society of this church held their annual sale of work last month. There was a fair attendance, and most of the beautiful and useful productions shown by the ladies were disposed of. It is much to be regretted that neither the President (Mrs. Knight) nor the Vice-President (Mrs. Moore) have been able to attend at the meetings lately, nor could they be present at the sale owing to illness. The proceeds of the sale was about \$130.

The children's Christmas treat was held on December 30. The rector showed his beautiful magic

lantern pictures, which were much enjoyed. The entertainment concluded with a present to each child from the large Christmas tree. By the kindness of Mr. Chipman, Mr. Bott, Mr. Minchin, and the rector, books were given as prizes to the choir boys for regular attendance and good behaviour.

The Christmas offertory, which was given to the rector, amounted to the generous sum of \$100.

RAT PORTAGE.

Mrs. McAree, organist of St. Alban's Church, Rat Portage, gave a parlor concert at her home on the 18th inst., for the funds of the church.

Mr. Machin sang in his usual pleasing style. Miss Livingston, sister of Mrs. Gunn, also favored the company with much appreciated music. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson gave some choice selections on the guitar and mandolin, and Mr. Tom Baker gave very amusing readings from Pickwick. Mr. Baker is already considered a valuable addition to the few who are able to promote enjoyment at social gatherings. Mrs. McAree played accompaniments to the singing.

Owing to the indisposition of several ladies and gentlemen who were to have taken part in the concert, it was not as complete as intended; those fortunate enough to be present, however, were thoroughly well pleased with the evening's recreation, which closed with an appetizing lunch served by Mrs. McAree.

Rev. G. Gill, of Russell, with his usual energy and financial ability, is laying his plans for the erection of a new church for the boys at the Barnardo Farm, Russell.

Rev. W. E. Hobbs, formerly of Neepawa, is to take the incumbency of Oak Lake, in succession to Rev. G. H. Sykes, who is retiring temporarily on account of ill-health.

DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE.

Bishop—Right Rev. J. Grisdale, D.D., D.C.L.

WHITEWOOD.

Christmas was well observed here. At the Christmas Eve midnight celebration of Holy Communion, there was a good congregation, and 12 communicants. On Christmas morning, the church was crowded, and there were 17 communicants, making a total of 29 at St. Mary's. With moss, and box, everlasting flowers, and Christmas texts, the church was more beautiful than ever it had been before. Christmas carols were very much in evidence during the whole of the blessed Christmas-tide.

WAPPELLA.

Christ Church was nicely though not profusely decorated for Christmas. The Christmas services were hearty and well attended. The communicants numbered eleven.