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Members may help the Mission by (1) Subscribing, (2) Collecting, (3) Working, (4) Writing and sending papers, &c., to the workers in the Diocese, (5) Taking in and distributing the Occasional Papers, (6) Interesting others in the Mission.

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Directions for Lady Correspondents and Local Secretaries.

Lady Correspondents should make their return to the Treasurer yearly. All remittances for any current year should be made to Messrs. Coutts *before the 20th December at the latest*, and the return sent in to the Treasurer, V. A. Williamson, Esq., 32, Lower Belgrave Street, S.W., as soon after as convenient. Any Lady Correspondent wanting the printed forms for making the return can be supplied on application to the Treasurer.

N.B.—All money should be paid to Messrs. Coutts, to account of "*The Qu'Appelle Diocesan Fund.*"

NOTICES.

CHURCH NEEDLEWORK.—Workers, and subscriptions towards purchase of materials, *are greatly needed.*

It is requested that anyone who will undertake to do some needlework for any of the Churches, or who will contribute towards the purchase of materials, &c., will write to Mrs. Wasbrough, 13, Philbeach Gardens, S.W., who has undertaken to organise and direct the work, so that the needs of the various parishes may be, as far as possible, met systematically. Pieces of silk, velvet, &c., can be utilised if sent to Mrs. Wasbrough.

Size of all Altars in the Diocese: length 7 feet, width 2 feet 3 inches, height 3 feet 3 inches.

Correspondence about Altar linen or surplices should be addressed to Miss M. E. Hamilton, Lis Esgol, Worcester.

DIRECTIONS FOR WORKING PARTIES.—*Useful and inexpensive* clothing of all kinds is very acceptable. Wall pockets are much liked, also sofa cushions and pin-cushions, *not stuffed*. Knitted things of every description (*except "helmets"*), especially long comforters and mitts. A receipt for the last-named can be had on application to Mrs. Wasbrough, 13, Philbeach Gardens, S.W. Children's vests, &c., should be made with *long sleeves*. All woollen materials can be bought of far better quality and at a lower price in England than in Canada. If working parties would with their kind contributions also (as some have already done) send a few shillings towards the cost of shipping, &c., they would relieve the Mission funds of a considerable burden. All gifts of Church work, articles for sale, &c., will be acknowledged in the OCCASIONAL PAPER.

PARCELS.—All parcels for the Mission should be sent to Miss Mountain, who will be glad to receive contributions, however small, towards the expenses of freight. *The name and address of the sender should be written on the outside of each parcel, and a letter should be sent by post at the same time, stating the contents of the parcel, the value at cost price, and the name of the person for whom it is intended* (unless it is for the general use of the Mission). Articles for bazaars should *not* have prices affixed, as this increases the duty charged on entering Canada. Miss Mountain will be glad if *each article* sent is ticketed with the name of the sender. This will ensure each gift to the Mission being acknowledged on its arrival at Qu'Appelle. The kind senders of parcels are earnestly begged to pay attention to these directions, as by so doing they will save a great deal of unnecessary trouble and correspondence.

COLLECTING BOXES FOR THE MISSION, price 4d. and 6d., may be had on application to Miss Mary Garnier, Cranworth Rectory, Shipdham, Thetford.

BOOKS.—Books of all kinds are very welcome to the Clergy and others working in the Diocese. They are needed for Sunday Schools, for Parochial Libraries, and for the personal use of the Clergy, and therefore stories, biographies, travels, books of theology, &c., are equally useful. Light reading for the long winter evenings is frequently asked for. The book postage to Canada is *the same as to any part of England*, viz., a halfpenny for two oz. Anyone who has old books or magazines to give away, or who is willing to send new books from time to time, is asked to write in the first instance to Miss Hope, 47, Montagu Square, W., who will send the address of the parish or Clergyman to whom they will be most useful. The titles of the books should be given, and it should be stated whether they are old or new.

Contributions towards a small fund for purchasing second-hand books and cheap editions of standard works, and also towards their postage, will be gratefully received by Miss Hope.

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.—Rev. W. E. Hobbes, Ocle Pychard Vicarage, Hereford, keeps a Register of the periodicals posted to the Qu'Appelle clergy by friends of the Mission. He will gladly send a name and address to anyone wishing to forward a newspaper or magazine.

“LOVE FOR THE CHURCH,” a sermon preached in Woolwich church by Bishop Anson, can be had on application to Mrs. Knight. Price 3d.

OCCASIONAL PAPER.—Application for copies should be made to Mrs. Knight, who can supply back numbers, if required, and to whom notice of change of address should be given.

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Apply about *Church Needlework to Mrs. Wasbrough, 13, Philbeach Gardens, S.W.*

Apply for *Occasional Papers to Mrs. Knight, Eastnor House, Malvern Link.*

Apply for *Collecting Boxes to Miss Mary Garnier, Cranworth Rectory, Shipdham, Thetford.*

Apply for information about *Indian Work to Miss Webster, Bartley Green, Quinton, near Birmingham.*

Apply for *directions as to forming Local Branches of the Association to Rev. Canon Liddell, Welton Vicarage, Daventry.*

IMPORTANT NOTICES.

It is requested that all remittances to Messrs. Coutts and Co. may be paid to the "QU'APPELLE DIOCESAN FUND," before Dec. 20th, in each year.

V. A. WILLIAMSON, *Treasurer.*

The Editor asks to be allowed to assume that, *unless a special intimation reaches her to the contrary*, all those who receive this OCCASIONAL PAPER desire to continue to receive each number as it is issued; and further, that they will undertake to contribute, in the way most convenient to themselves, a sum of NOT LESS than One Shilling a year, either as payment for this paper, or to some other fund of the Mission.

Contributions in money to any of the objects named in the OCCASIONAL PAPER may be sent at any time to Mrs. Knight, Eastnor House, Malvern Link.

A leaflet giving a short account of the work and needs of the Diocese can be had gratis on application to Rev. Canon Liddell, Welton Vicarage, Daventry. Associates and friends may find it useful to enclose in letters, &c.

Working parties and individual workers are asked to remember that *knitted "helmets"* are of *no* use in a Canadian winter. Long wide "comforters," mitts or gloves, knitted waistcoats and long stockings are all acceptable.

The Rev. L. Dawson, 3, Allerton Terrace, Chapel Allerton, Leeds, will be glad to speak at meetings for Qu'Appelle within a few hours' distance from Leeds. His freest days are Monday and Friday.

Mr. E. Passingham, South Audley Street, has platinotype photographs of the Bishop in various sizes, which it is thought that some of those interested in the Diocese may care to possess.

Henceforward the OCCASIONAL PAPERS will be issued at the beginning of February, May, August, and November.

The Rev. W. T. Mitton is spending a short time in England. His address is: care of Rev. H. A. Mitton, Sherburn Hospital, Durham.

Miss Mountain will not be sending out any more boxes before April; and she will be much obliged if parcels are not sent to her till near that time, as she already has a large accumulation. She will be grateful if anyone who has friends going to Canada who would kindly take a parcel or box for the Mission will communicate with her.

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP.

*Qu'Appelle Station,
N. W. Ty., Canada.*

December 15th, 1894.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—Writing this letter so near the end of the year, I might be tempted to dwell on the trials and difficulties that have marked its course with us so plainly; the serious deficit in our funds, the drought, and scarcity of crops, which have been almost universal over the Diocese, and last, but not least, the anxieties that have attended the closing of the College. Yet while I earnestly—and I hope humbly—pray that God may pardon us wherein we may in our part have “done amiss,” I can indeed thank Him for the mercies that have been ours, and in trust in Him go forward to meet the duties of a New Year. And remembering that one way in which He helps us and ministers to our needs is by opening the hearts of His people, I can very heartily thank all the members of the Association for their help. But for the £500 remitted by your Treasurer, I do not know where we might have been. As it is, all the Stations, except Estevan, are still filled, and the Clergy stipends are paid.

I must add a word as to our plans and hopes for the future.

(1) Our most hearty thanks are due to our old friend, the S.P.G. I think perhaps we hardly realise how much we owe of our very existence to this Society, and now in addition to our annual block grant, they have come forward with an offer of a single sum of £1,000, to be spread over the next three years, to be spent in opening new Missions. I hope in another letter to tell you how we shall use this; but the very thought of it is a great encouragement.

(2) It will be my duty very soon to open two new Churches. First, the long-looked-for one at Regina; it is a really good Church, and when the Chancel is added, will be not unworthy of the Church in the capital of the North-West Territories. Then in a few weeks I hope to open the new Church at Indian Head, built by Lord Brassey; it is a

real gem, a thing of beauty in its dreary surroundings. There are some small settlements talking of building log Churches this year.

(3) INDIAN WORK.—I wish I could make some more definite statement about this, but I find it hard to decide. There are three questions. The new School at Gordon's Reserve. The half-built School at Medicine Hat, that has stood unfinished for want of £200 for some years; it is in a really fine situation on the banks of the river, and will make a beautiful School; children are waiting for it. Mr. Nicolls is waiting for the money, which is only £150 now, as the S.P.C.K. has kindly promised £60 if we can raise the rest. Then last, the question of opening a mission among the neglected Indians at Fishing Lake. They are a very wild tribe, and have never been touched yet by any religious influence. I have a man (associate of St. Chad's College) begging me to send him there to make his home among them. In your intercessions, please pray that I may have "a right judgment" in these things.

I have no heart to beg to-day; perhaps I shall feel up to it in my next letter. I pray indeed that God may give to you all and to our Association, a happy year.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

W. J. QU'APPELLE.

THE QU'APPELLE ASSOCIATION.

The Association of Prayer and Work for Qu'Appelle has, we trust, made quiet steady progress during the year 1894. So far as we are able to gather from the roll book, there are nearly 900 members. But as in the body of the flesh there are disused, diseased, and sometimes deceased members, so in the body of the Association there are the names of some who do not give, who do not work, who do not subscribe to the OCCASIONAL PAPER, who take but little interest in the work of Qu'Appelle, and who, therefore, do not pray for it. How overjoyed and relieved the Bishop and the Treasurer would be (to say nothing of the President, the Secretary and the Editor of the OCCASIONAL PAPER), if every subscriber represented the conventional guinea!

Turning from the work of individuals to the condition of some of the branches, the most flourishing are those at Durham, under Rev. P. A. M. Sullivan's care, and at Middlesborough, under the care of Rev. J. S.

Burn, brother of the Bishop of Qu'Appelle. In the south, the branch at Bournemouth is putting forth fresh leaves and will, we hope, bear good fruit. Some day the General Secretary hopes to visit all the branches, but tied hitherto by illness and now by the care (single-handed) of a parish he is unable to accomplish this desire. There are one or two points that he desires to set before the members of the Association, especially to those who kindly act as Secretaries and Correspondents.

(1) That the primary object of the Association is to promote a habit of prayer not only for Qu'Appelle, but for the Foreign Missions of the Church at large. We believe that a prayer followed by a penny is better than a penny linked or dis-linked, as the case may be, with prayer, and in order to carry out this idea practically, the Secretary would suggest that the prayer for the Mission should be used at family prayer, say on Wednesday and Friday. The "Cuddesdon Book of Intercessory Prayer" also contains beautiful collects, and our own "Manual" (price 4d.) might also be occasionally used. Then if an offertory be right at public worship, why should it not be right at family prayer, which, be it said, is the oldest of all forms of public worship? A nice embroidered bag might be made and kept for the purpose, and one of the members of the household in turn might take it round. Supposing only a few pence were collected at a time, it would amount to a goodly sum at the end of the year, and above all it would be accompanied with the prayer and praise of thankful hearts for the blessings and benefits of religion in our own country.

(2) The enlisting of the interest and work of children. The sooner children are taught to work and to pray for others the better. And in whom ought they to feel a deeper interest than in their own brothers and sisters across the sea, not to mention the colonies of foreigners, Poles, Hungarians, Norwegians, Russians and the tribes of Indians who are now becoming leavened with the knowledge of what God in Christ has done for them. Boys' (private) schools and girls' schools are almost always ready (if their masters and mistresses are willing) to work with enthusiasm for a sale or a mission parcel. But a word of caution is needed in giving boxes to children. Children are good, but not judicious beggars; and it is a question whether the boxes should not be kept exclusively for their own efforts at self-denial. The writer knows of three little girls who took boxes for building a Chapel for the use of workhouse inmates. They were filled again and again with farthings earned at their own lessons, and which they had up to that time spent in sweets for each other.

(3) As to the transmission of money. It is always safer wherever

possible to send up a contribution of a guinea or upwards to Messrs. Coutts, Bankers, Strand, W.C. I am glad to receive any contribution, but sending to me involves two or three transmissions (and therefore risks of losing the money), where one would do.

And now, as I am afraid of trespassing too far on our Editor's space, I would conclude by thanking all members for their efforts in 1894, and wishing them every blessing for the year 1895.

EDWARD LIDDELL.

A few details of Association news may be added to the General Secretary's *résumé*. By kind permission of the Committee a very interesting collection of Indian curiosities belonging to the Rev. Leonard Dawson, together with photographs illustrative of Indian life and of life on a Mission station (Fort Pelly), were shown at the Missionary Exhibition held under the auspices of C.M.S. and C.E.Z.S., at Worcester, on December 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th. The important Mission field of British North America would have been but poorly represented had it not been for the Qu'Appelle Exhibit.

On Ember Wednesday, December 20th, the Rev. W. G. Lyon gave an address at the quarterly meeting of the St. Matthias, Malvern Link, Missionary Association. Owing no doubt to the stormy weather as well as to the neighbourhood of Christmas, the attendance was but small; still we trust that some fresh interest in the Diocese may have been aroused. The collection amounted to £1 11s. 8d.

A nice parcel containing three dozen warm petticoats, comforters, mitts, &c., was forwarded to Miss Mountain before Christmas, being the results of a working party held by Mrs. Kennedy, The Close, Lincoln, during November and December. This is an instance of what can be done, even when circumstances seem adverse; for there were at least three other Missionary working parties held at Lincoln during the same period of time. We hope that our workers will take courage by this example. Clothes for the children at the Indian Schools are always urgently needed, and the demand will be still greater when the enlargement of the school on Gordon's Reserve is accomplished, and when the Medicine Hat School is started, both of which we hope 1895 may see. In places where it is impossible to get up a working party, would it not be possible to ask for two garments a year from any of those interested in the Indian work?

EXTRACTS FROM THE BISHOP'S CHARGE.

I may preface this, my first address to you in Synod, with a word of personal reference. The work given to me, as your Bishop, is a work that I feel to be both honourable and difficult. The difficulty arises partly from the nature of the Diocese, its wide area and sparsely scattered population, and partly from my own inexperience. In meeting these difficulties there are two thoughts that give me confidence; a confidence that will be needed and tried as the years go on. These are :—(1) The ready and generous welcome and sympathy I have already met with both from clergy and laity. Such sympathy is a thing we may have to do without in the path of duty, but it will always make the task infinitely harder, and I can here but thank you from my heart for according it so freely to me, coming as a stranger amongst you. (2) The character of my predecessor, Bishop Anson, first Bishop of the Diocese. I will not stay to recall the story of his first coming to this part of what was called, more aptly then even than now, the great lone land, or review the work of his eight years' episcopate. I would only say that a great responsibility lies on us here, from our having had as our Diocesan one of such a character. His single-hearted devotion to Christ and His Church, his humility and generosity, are known most to those who knew him best. They call for our thanksgiving to God for His gift to us, and lay upon us—on you and me—a great responsibility, that the fruits of his work and example be not lost through our unfaithfulness. You know the condition of the Diocese as he found it and as he left it. The organisation of the Diocese into parishes; the creation of this Synod; the making of canons; the provision for the temporal needs of the Diocese; and especially the provision of an episcopal endowment fund; the character of the clergy he gathered round him; these all make the work of the Diocese to us a very different thing to what it was ten years ago, and the stamp of reality and thoroughness which marked the work of laying the foundations can inspire us with confidence as we go forth to meet the needs of these days in which we are called to work.

The past year has been a year of Synods.

I. The first that calls for our notice is the meeting, for the first time, of a *General Synod* for the whole Anglican Church in the dominion of Canada. The gathering of this Synod, which met in September of last year, in Toronto, we must feel marks an epoch in the history of the Church. Hitherto we have been divided into Provinces and independent Dioceses; now, while the Provincial and Diocesan rights are safeguarded we have one central Synod which can speak with

the authority, and consider the needs and interests of the whole Anglican Communion in Canada. The work is only begun; there are plenty of difficulties; but let us pray that God's blessing may rest on it, and that it may be the beginning of a bright future for the Church among us. . .

II. The *Provincial Synod*.—This Synod met in Winnipeg in August. In connection with that meeting I would direct your attention to the alteration of the canon for the election of a Bishop. As matters stood, the election lay with the Diocesan Synod in Dioceses which contained twelve self-supporting parishes, and in other cases it was in the hands of the Archbishop of Canterbury. There was a very general, I may say unanimous, feeling that the Church in this Province has now come to years of discretion, and should take upon itself the work of appointing its own Bishops. In accordance with this feeling a new canon was proposed, changing the number twelve to six, and giving right of election in other cases to the Bishops of the Province in the place of the Archbishop of Canterbury. This was agreed to, with the change of the number from twelve to six. I would make two remarks on this change:

(1) That, it seems to me, with the assumption by Province or Diocese of power to elect Bishops, comes a like responsibility in provision of funds. There was no change in election in regard to missionary Dioceses, that is, those supported by C.M.S., and so the change here assumes that we, *i.e.*, Saskatchewan, Qu'Appelle, and Calgary, are not missionary Dioceses, yet I find that last year the whole of the stipend of the Bishop and more than two-thirds that of the Clergy came from England. In face of these facts, when we talk of independence it behoves us to do it with some humility. I hope these remarks will not be taken to imply that I was against the change; it had my hearty support, and I feel it is calculated to increase the efficiency and dignity of the Church in the Province. All I wish to do is to point out that coming of age brings burdens as well as privileges, and that we must not fail to recognise our duties while we claim our rights.

(2) I would point out clearly the present position as it concerns this Diocese. When the See is vacant the election of a Bishop rests with the Bishops of the Province until such time as there shall be six self-supporting parishes. There are now three—Regina, Moosomin, and the parish of Craven and Pense. How long, I would ask, will it be before we have the necessary six?

III. The *Diocesan Synod*.—I need not dwell on the acts and resolutions of that Synod, but I have one matter of some importance as to Synod meetings to lay before you. The Synod is, as you know, called by the Bishop at what place and time he may choose. It has always hitherto met in Church, but in deference to a resolution of last Synod

I have called it to meet here, as it was felt that some such place was better adapted to discussions of so many strictly secular things. I do not know that I wholly concur in this view, and we need to watch lest our change should in any way tend to make our discussions more secular, or lessen in any degree the sense of the sacredness of even secular things that concern the work and well-being of the Church which is the Body of Christ. Again, as there is a change of place in deference to the wish of members of the Synod, I propose to make a change in the time of meeting. The Synod has met each year; I propose now to call it once in two years; and for two reasons:

(1) That now we have our canons and organisation, I think such biennial meetings will at present be sufficient for our needs. Many of the matters discussed are matters which really belong to the Executive Committee, and I think that to reserve matters of greater importance for the Synod, would add to the dignity and importance of our meetings.

(2) The weightier reason which has made me come to this decision is, that it will enable me to carry out a purpose which has been in my mind since I came to the Diocese, that is, that I may be able to hold meetings of the Clergy for devotion and conference in matters spiritual. The future of the Church here depends very largely on the character of the Clergy, and the great difficulty comes from their isolation—they can so seldom meet each other and give time and thought for the deepening of their own spiritual life. I would hope next year to hold such a meeting. The great distances make it impossible to meet together twice, and it does not seem to be practicable to hold both the Synod and such meeting together; hence the proposed change. . . . The Synod may be called at any time for any special matter on which it may seem to me desirable to consult you. . . . I must pass now to matters of special interest, that will come before you for consideration.

I. *St. John's College*.—I need not dwell on the story of the College, its foundation and history. It is a story in which anyone who wants to find matter for criticism will hardly fail to find it. I do not know that such criticism will profit anybody, and it certainly does not prove that if you or I had the work to do it would have been done any better. We might possibly have shown less generosity as well as avoided some mistakes. Our work to-day is to consider the question and come to some definite conclusion. To assist you in doing so I will put the position before you as clearly and shortly as I can. The College was built by money given to Bishop Anson, and was, in a large measure, supported by him. It is now being carried on simply as a farm for students. It is still in Bishop Anson's name, and we had before us an offer to transfer it to Synod, with a mortgage for £1,200, which sum

represents monies borrowed for the purposes of the College from private friends. This was felt to be an offer the Synod could not accept, as it is a body without funds, except those which are entrusted to it for the payment of the Clergy. I wrote to Bishop Anson explaining your views, and he has written to me saying that if the Synod will not have it, it must be sold, as, of course, he cannot continue to hold it, but that he should be sorry to see it lost to the Diocese, if the Diocese has any real wish to retain it; and that he wishes them to say on what terms they will accept the property, that he may lay their offer before those who have lent the money on it. Your Committee have had the letter before them, and decided—(1) That it is desirable that the property should be retained for the Diocese, and that it is our duty to make the best offer in our power. (2) That after making valuation, and considering the debt lying on the place, they offer to take it, and give a mortgage for 2,000 dollars.

It is for you to consider this resolution, and the further question, if you accept this, of what shall be done with the property. For me, this story is sad enough. The aim was so high, the gifts so generous, the prayers and hopes so many. The offer is a very small one, and one that, if accepted, will leave considerable loss to be made up. With this question is involved the question that must come up sooner or later, that is, the provision of a See house. The present Bishop's house was built by Bishop Anson, entirely at his own cost, and is still his property. The question of purchasing it separately or with the rest of the property, or of building a house elsewhere, is one to be considered. If it is decided to build a See house there would be the question of where it should be built. I may say that in such a question I should leave it to be decided by the Synod or Committee, and should content myself with expressing my own opinions as a member of such Committee. If the College property passes from us, or is let, your Bishop must have somewhere to live; and there is besides the important question of a home for the Diocesan library and safe.

II. The second matter that will require your attention is that of the *Diocesan Funds*. As you see from the report of the Executive, we have to face a deficit of funds caused by our late treasurer. We need not waste words in recriminations. It is a cruel blow, but it is our duty to meet it. Hitherto the Treasurer of the Diocese has received and disposed of monies on his own responsibility, in a way which he never ought to have had power to do, and which, I hope, no treasurer will have power to do again. . . .

Our work is a great one; nothing less than that of providing for the spiritual needs of this vast Diocese—seeing that, as far as in us lies,

none of the children of the Church, scattered abroad on these prairies, shall be without the ministrations of their Church—the ministrations of Word and Sacraments. It is not the work, I need hardly remind you, of the Bishop and Clergy alone, but of all Churchmen ; and especially you upon whom the Church has laid honour and responsibility, electing you as her representatives in Synod. The times may not be propitious for making such effort, but that is no excuse for not making it ; they are the days in which we are called to live and work, and the burden of them is laid upon us. We will not shrink from bearing it. . . .

Clergy Sustentation Fund.—This fund was commenced by Bishop Anson, with a gift from a friend of £200, only part of which is now available. Since that I have collected, chiefly in England, sums amounting to about £260. I consider this fund one of great importance for the future of this Diocese. We have to look to days when we shall not receive the help from outside we do to-day. Offertories are taken in all parishes, and I will ask the Clergy and laity to do what they can to impress upon Church people the importance of the fund. The amounts raised may not be very considerable in a large sum, but as the years go by they count up, and the Diocese has pledged itself by resolution to raise £200 to meet the original gift.

We never meet but we have to record some losses in the ranks of our Clergy. Since my arrival we have lost the Rev. H. S. Abehurst and the Rev. W. H. Greene, who have left us for other work in the west and east. They both did faithful work here, and we pray that God's blessing may rest on them in their new spheres. I regret much that the Rev. Leonard Dawson was obliged to resign his work at Touchwood. There are few who have laboured with more zeal and single-hearted devotion in the Church, On the other side we have some new Clergy, the Rev. H. A. Holmes, who is Principal of the College, the Rev. James Williams, at Whitewood, and the Rev. A. Cook, at Touchwood. I have three candidates for Ordination this year, and John Shelly, lately teacher in the college, has gone home to prepare himself for Ordination, to return to work with us.

DIOCESAN NEWS.

QU'APPELLE STATION.—The ladies of St. Peter's Women's Guild held a most successful bazaar on Friday, September 21st, on the occasion of the annual picnic of the Broadview-Moosejaw division of the C.P.R. Had the weather been fine the bazaar would have been

held on the municipal grounds where a picturesque booth had already been erected. Unfortunately the day was cold and damp, so the sale was held in Mr. Cowan's warehouse, which he kindly lent for the occasion. The whole amount received during the day was £26.

The Bishop held Service at Indian Head on Sunday, November 4th, when the hall was filled and the Service most hearty. Several stayed behind to talk over the affairs of the parish and the possibility of having a resident clergyman.

GRENFELL.—Successful sales of work were held by the Ladies' Aid Society on October 5th and 11th. The proceeds of the two days amounted to £24. We are glad to see that the Sunday School is growing.

BROADVIEW.—A commodious and comfortable parsonage close to the Church has at last been secured. The cost, with that of the necessary alterations, was £242, of which about £60 still remains to be raised.

WHITEWOOD.—A Confirmation was held by the Bishop in St. Mary's Church on Sunday, August 12th, when six candidates were confirmed.

At Forest Farm, a new cemetery has been opened, being part of forty acres secured from the Government, on which it is proposed to build a Church. With a Church congregation of forty to fifty people, who have long worshipped in the school and in private houses, it is hoped that this Church may be ere long an accomplished fact.

The Harvest Festival at Wapella, fixed for All Saints' Day, was rendered almost a failure by the snowstorm. In spite of the weather, however, the Rector of Moosomin held to his engagement and drove over in the morning to celebrate Holy Communion; there were seven Communicants.

At a meeting of the Vestry in August it was decided to advertise for tenders for plastering the Church. This is an imperative necessity, and will cost a considerable sum, and this is exclusive of such luxuries as kneelers for the congregation or matting for the floor.

MOOSOMIN.—The Bishop is residing at the Rectory during the Rev. W. T. Mitton's absence in England. The Rev. H. A. Marcon is now in charge of the new district of Fleming.

OXBOW.—The first Harvest Festivals held in the district took place at Gainsbro' and Oxbow on September 13th and 14th. The rooms used for Service were tastefully decorated with corn, vegetables, flowers, &c. The Service at Oxbow was fairly well attended, considering the stormy day on which it was held.

SALTCOATS.—On Thursday, October 4th, the Bishop held a Confirmation in St. Augustine's Church when ten candidates were presented. On the following Sunday, October 7th, Mr. J. S. Chivers was ordained Deacon. He will remain as assistant in Saltcoats for the present. The Bishop preached in Yorkton the same evening, in the Presbyterian building, kindly lent for the occasion. At a sale of work the sum of £12 was realised toward the Yorkton Church Fund.

The house lately occupied as a Clergy house at Saltcoats has been purchased with the funds collected by Mr. Teitelbaum in England, and a substantial addition of two rooms has been made. The Church is now paid for. Mr. Teitelbaum has been asked by the Bishop to visit Eastern Canada in order to raise funds for the Diocese. The district of Sumner, which is in the parish of Saltcoats, has four stations, Sumner, Kinbrae, Churchbridge and Wolverine. The distances from Sumner are: Kinbrae, twelve miles; Churchbridge, twenty miles; Wolverine, thirty-six miles. This district is in charge of the Rev. J. Godfrey. To give an idea of the working of this district, eighteen miles has to be driven on Saturday. The first service on Sunday will be at 11 a.m., the second at Kinbrae at 3 p.m., and the third at Sumner at 7.30. The Wolverine district is at the greatest distance, and this involves a thirty-six miles' drive on the Saturday, and again on Sunday after the morning Service a drive of twenty miles for Evensong at Churchbridge. During the winter months the "trails" to Wolverine and Redpath become impassable.

FORT QU'APPELLE.—On Saturday, November 3rd, the Rev. F. W. Johnson was instituted vicar of this parish.

REGINA.—On Tuesday, September 18th, the corner stone of the new Church, the building of which had progressed as far as the window-sills, was laid, with the Masonic ceremonial, by Mr. Tweed, of Medicine Hat, Grand Master of the Freemasons in Assiniboia. The Bishop, accompanied by the Revs. W. E. Brown, W. F. Johnson, and H. A. Holmes, held a short Service, consisting of Collects, Psalm cxxvii., and the hymn,

"The Church's One Foundation." The Masonic ceremony then followed. Just before the stone was laid a glass jar, containing a record of the proceedings, various newspapers, coins, &c., was placed in the cavity. After the laying of the stone by the Grand Master, three Masons severally sprinkled it with corn, wine and oil, after which hymn 257 was sung, while a collection amounting to £18 was made. Mr. Goggin, P.G.M., made a short speech, and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction. The afternoon was warm and bright, and a large number assembled to take part in the proceedings. From a later account we learn that the tower was nearly completed by November, and it was hoped that the building would be safely roofed in before winter.

On All Saints' Day the Bishop instituted the Rev. W. E. Brown to this Rectory. The late Rector, Rev. H. J. Bartlett, has returned to England.

CRAVEN-CUM-PENSE.—On Friday, July 27th, the Bishop held a Confirmation at the house of Mr. Cullum, Boggy Creek, where Service has been held for over ten years.

A successful "Social" was held in Pense, under the auspices of the "Ladies' Aid," on October 18th. After an excellent concert and supper, dancing was kept up with much vigour. The sum of £5 was realised and presented to the Rector, Rev. F. W. Johnson, on the occasion of his leaving the parish for Fort Qu'Appelle.

MOOSEJAW.—The visit of the Bishop, on September 22nd, was the occasion of two most impressive Services in the Church of St. John Baptist. On Saturday evening a Confirmation was held, when in spite of rain and mud there was a good congregation. Four adult candidates were confirmed, and the Bishop gave an address on "The Priesthood of the Laity." The next morning Matins was said at 9 30, followed by the Ordination Service at 11, when Mr. H. A. Marcon and Mr. W. Watson were ordained Deacons. The Rev. W. E. Brown preached, taking as his text 2 Cor. iii. 5. The Communion Service was choral, and there were forty-five Communicants. At Evensong the Bishop preached, the Service being said by the newly-made Deacons.

MEDICINE HAT.—On November 18th the Bishop visited Maple Creek and Medicine Hat, and on Monday a Confirmation was held at Medicine Hat in the morning, and the Church people were invited to meet the Bishop at a "Social" in the evening.

WORK AMONG THE INDIANS.

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION, FORT PELLY.—On Wednesday, September 26th, the Bishop started from Qu'Appelle Station for Fort Pelly, a distance of a hundred and fifty miles, which was accomplished in three days, and although the weather looked very threatening the snow fortunately kept off, and with the exception of the last day which was bitterly cold, it was not a disagreeable trip. On Saturday, the 29th (Michaelmas Day), the Bishop confirmed five candidates, and celebrated Holy Communion, and in the afternoon preached to a large and attentive Indian congregation through an interpreter, and confirmed one candidate who had not been able to arrive in time for the morning Service. Five children were baptised at the afternoon Service. The Bishop visited several of the people at their homes on the Reserve, and at Fort Pelly, and started on his drive to Saltcoats in a blinding snow-storm.

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