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(6) Interesting others in the Mission.

It is not necessary but desirable that Members should (a) communicate on St. John Baptist's Day, and (b) be admitted with a simple form of prayer to be found in the Manual (price 4d.), which can be obtained from the General Secretary.

It is also desirable that they should be present at the Annual Meet-

ing on or in the octave of St. John Baptist's Day, June 24th.

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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

Ou' Appelle Diocesan Fund."

NOTICES.

Church Needlework.—Mrs. Wasbrough, 13, Philbeach Gardens, S. W. It is requested that any one 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, 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. Workers, and subscriptions towards purchase of materials, are greatly needed.

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

3 feet 3 inches.

Correspondence about making Altar linen or surplices should be addressed to the Sister Caroline, Alverton, Truro.

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, long wide "comforters," knitted waistcoats and long stockings are all acceptable. Gloves or mitts (a receipt for the latter can be obtained from Mrs. Washrough, 13, Philbeach Gardens, S.W.) are most useful. 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, will, if possible, be acknowledged in the Occasional Paper.

Parcels.—Miss Mountain, 14, Argyle Square, W.C. 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.—Miss G. M. Montgomerie, Gissing Hall, Diss. Collecting boxes for the Mission, price 4d. and 6d., may be had on application to Miss G. M. Montgomerie, who has kindly undertaken this work during Miss M. C. Garnier's absence from home.

Books.—Rev. Arthur Krauss, Branksome, Bournemouth. 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. Any one 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 the Rev. Arthur Krauss, 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 the Rev. Arthur Krauss.

Newspapers and Magazines.—Kev. W. E. Hobbes, Ocle Pychard Vicarage, Hereford. A Register of the periodicals posted to the Qu'Appelle clergy by friends of the Mission is kept by Mr. Hobbes. He will gladly send a name and address to any one willing to forward a newspaper or magazine.

Indian Work.—Miss Webster, 4, West View Terrace, Droitwich Road, Worcester. Miss Webster will gladly supply information about Indian Work.

New Local Branches. — The Rev. Canon Liddell, Welton Vicarage, Daventry. Canon Liddell will supply information about the formation of new branches of the Association.

Occasional Paper.—The Rev. Arthur Krauss, Branksome, Bournemouth. Application for copies should be made to the Rev. Arthur Krauss, who will also receive the annual subscription for the paper. He can supply back numbers, if required. Notice of change of address should be sent to him. Reports from the Secretaries of the Branches will be welcomed by the Editor, and would, if possible, be inserted in the next number. Contributions should reach him before the 15th of January, April, July and October.

The next number of the Occasional Paper will be published on August 1st. The Editor will be glad to receive corrections and contributions before July 15th.

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.

Contributions in money to any of the objects named in the Occa-SIONAL PAPER may be sent at any time to the Assistant Treasurer, H. A. Grieg, Esq., 12, Lansdowne Place, Blackheath Hill, S.E.

THE OCCASIONAL PAPER.

Subscriptions to the Occathe number of sixty-five, who have responded to our appeal for the subscription of one shilling. There are yet many who have not sent the shilling, and these will receive with the present number a pink paper, which we hope they will fill up and return at an early date.

It has been suggested to the Editor that he should A Children's try to start a branch of the Association for children. Branch of the Association. The Children's Association in connection with the Additional Curates Society, the Universities' Mission to Central Africa. the Waifs and Strays, the Church Missionary Society, and the S.P.G., each of them raise considerable sums for their different objects. are told that certain success would wait on an effort to band children together in an interest in our diocese. The bond which binds this kind of associations together is a very simple one, and requires nothing from the children but what they can quite easily perform. It would in our case consist chiefly of work for the diocese in one or more of the following ways:-

(1) Regular remembrance of the Mission in the children's daily

prayers should the parents think it advisable.

(2) Work for the Mission—needle work, knitting or other work of a like nature for sales of work in England or Canada.

(3) The gift of money from the children's own private purses.

The amount of money raised by these means would be given for some definite object to be approved by the Bishop of the Diocese and

made known to the children contributing to it.

A correspondent would undertake to acknowledge all contributions from the children, and a quarterly paper would be written for them. The Editor would be glad if any of the readers of our paper will communicate with him on this subject, and he will gladly keep a record of those who have children willing to help in this way.

Missionary Exhibition.We have been asked to make known the Missionary
Exhibition which is to be held at the Kensington
Town Hall. We gladly do so by quoting the notice sent to us.

"A Missionary and Colonial Exhibition will be held in the Kensington Town Hall on May 10-14th, 1898, of which the Lord Bishop of London is President, and the Vicar of Kensington, Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

"The object of the Exhibition is to increase an intelligent knowledge of and interest in the Missionary and Colonial work of the Church, and to inspire great zeal and prayerful sacrifice for the evange-

lization of the world.

"The Exhibition will consist of a series of courts, with curiosities representing different parts of the Mission Field. Women's work will be represented by a Female Medical Ward and Dispensary, also a Zenana,

in which by means of tableaux, scenes in high class life will be brought home to us.

"Sir Richard Webster, Q.C. and M.P., and Mr. Temple, President of the W.M.A., will open the Exhibition on Tuesday, May 10th."

We trust that all our readers who can do so will endeavour to visit the Exhibition. We believe that the Canadian Court will prove well worth a visit from the friends of Qu'Appelle Diocese, because Mr. Dawson, who was at one time priest in charge of Regina, and afterwards of the Mission at Touchwood Hills, has a great deal to do with the arrangement of this court.

Books for It is with great regret that the resignation of Miss Qu'Appelle. Hope as correspondent for books has been received. The work which she has done will be carried on for the present by the Rev. Arthur Krauss, but we hope that before long a correspondent will be found who will be able to devote attention to this useful mode of helping the clergy in their work. We would remind our readers that second-hand books are always found useful, and that the Diocesan Library always has room on its shelves. Books not useful, for the purpose can be sold to form a small fund for the purchase of other books.

Help Needed. We have been asked to draw the attention of our readers to the case of Cuthbert D. S. Agassiz, aged 10 years, the son of the Rev. Shafto Agassiz, who was ordained priest by Bishop Anson in the year 1888, and worked in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle from 1885 to 1891, having been in charge of Fort Pelly and Cannington Manor. In 1891 he removed to British Columbia, but the following year his health gave way entirely and he is now in an asylum, leaving his three children to be maintained by his wife, whose means are quite inadequate for their education. She is now seeking the admission of Cuthbert (the eldest) to the Royal Asylum of St. Ann, Redhill. Will our readers endeavour to assist her by obtaining votes. Proxies signed and filled in the child's name may be sent to Mrs. Agassiz, St. Hilda's, Bromyard Road, Worcester; or to the Secretary of the Institution at 58, Gracechurch Street, E.C.

The Annual The fourteenth anniversary of the Qu'Appelle Association will be held on Tuesday, June 28th, 1898. There will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion in the North West Chapel of St. Paul's Cathedral, at 8.45 a.m., by the kind permission of the Dean of St. Paul's. After this service breakfast will be provided, as in former years, at Evans' Restaurant, 75, St. Paul's Churchyard, for which a charge of 1s. 6d. each will be made. Members and their friends intending to be present at the breakfast are asked to kindly inform Canon Liddell, Welton Vicarage, Daventry, of their intention. The Annual Meeting will be held in the Church House, Dean's Yard, at 3 p.m., when a letter from the Bishop will be read by the Secretary, and the Rev. T. A. Teitelbaum, priest in charge of Saltcoats, will give an account of his work. In the absence of the

president, Bishop Anson, the chair will be taken, it is hoped, by Lord Northbourne. We trust that all members of the Association and their friends will endeavour to be present at this Anniversary. taries of branches, clerical correspondents, and other friends of the Mission, are asked to arrange for Celebrations of the Holy Communion with special Intercessions for the Mission on the Festival of St. John the Baptist (on which day the first Bishop was consecrated), or within the octave of that day. Offertories for the funds of the Association will be most welcome.

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE.

The Bishop writes on March 10th, 1898:-

"Mr. and Mrs. Cameron spent the day with us yesterday. same especially to talk over the new Church, about which she is most enthusiastic. They are to have the altar, retable, dossal, lectern, prayer desk and red frontal from the College Chapel.

"I went up to Regina on Saturday. On Sunday morning we had a special service in connection with the S.P.C.K. Bicentenary. There

were forty-three Communicants.

"On Monday I was driven out to Cullums Mission, about ten miles north-east of Regina. There I met the Church people, who are mostly of one large family, with married sons and daughters. They decided to build a new Church this summer. Four of them promised one hundred dollars apiece towards the building fund, others promised fifty and twenty-five dollars. They are mostly from Ontario and of Irish descent, and will need some concessions in regard to ornaments and the manner of conducting the service. They are all of one mind in this matter. In time there may be some change.

"On the Monday evening we had a public meeting in Regina in connection with the S.P.C.K.; there was a goodly attendance. Mr. Brown, the rector, was in the chair, and the speakers were the Rev. J. P. Sargent and the Rev. W. Watson, Mr. Groggins, Supt. of Education, and myself. Eleven dollars were given for the Society at the door. The S.P.C.K. has voted £5,035 to the Diocese in various ways from 1884 to 1896. What should we have been without its

generous help?"

The Bishop wrote the following article for the Church Evangelist,

a paper published in Toronto, on February 24th, 1898:-

"The Diocese of Qu'Appelle is coterminous with the Territory of Assiniboia, and includes an area of about 89,000 square miles, 456 miles from east to west, 205 from north to south. This large area is, roughly speaking, divided into the agricultural portion, reaching from Fleming to Moosejaw, a distance of 188 miles from east to west, and the pastoral section, reaching from Moosejaw to the western boundary of the diocese at Kininvie, a distance of 3c6 miles in the same direc-

We are well supplied with railway accommodation, as the great trans-continental road, the C.P.R., runs right through the heart of the The last census returns, to which I have access, gives the population of whites and half-breeds as 34,792. These are the returns of 1894, so that we may perhaps estimate that there are now about

40,000 or 50,000 whites and half-breeds.

"In the same year the Indian population was given as 3,494, of whom 2,811 were in Eastern Assiniboia. The Diocese is bounded on the east by the Diocese of Rupert's Land, on the north by the Diocese of Saskatchewan, on the west by the Diocese of Calgary, and on the south by the United States. Most of our missions among settlers and among the Indians are in what is called Eastern Assiniboia, and this is likely to be the case for some time to come.

"This Diocese was carved out of the huge Diocese of Rupert's Land in the year 1884, so that in point of age it is only an infant Diocese. It is only a little over thirteen years since it was first formed,

and vet, in the Providence of God, I am its third Bishop.

"The first Bishop, Bishop Anson, was consecrated on the 24th June, 1884, and so St. John the Baptist Day is still kept as the natal

"Bishop Anson retired after eight years of self-sacrificing, selfdevoted work. His health is still impaired by the many labours and anxieties of his Episcopate. He loves yet to do all he can for his old Diocese.

"The second Bishop was Bishop Burn. In his Episcopate of three years he endeared himself to all who knew him by his saintliness

of life and his charm of manner.

"During the few years he was Bishop he did much to advance the work of the Church in the Diocese, and I know from personal correspondence that he was girding himself for new efforts when the great HEAD of the Church called him to enter into the rest of Paradise.

"My own work has thus been greatly lightened by those into whose

labours I have entered.

"Thirteen years ago there were but one priest and two deacons working in the Diocese; now there are nineteen or twenty. there was but one Church, and that heavily burdened with debt; now there are about thirty-two Churches, many of them free from debt.

"Still, we are engaged in a struggle which we cannot maintain

without help from outside.

"Our greatest anxiety is for funds for the support of the clergy, and for the consolidation and extension of the work among the Indians.

"Our people are few, scattered, and mostly not well-to-do. The settlement of the country only began some fifteen years ago, and the Methodist and Presbyterian bodies are very strong here.

"Many of our pioneer settlers came with scarcely any capital, except their strong arms, stout hearts, and willingness to rough it and labour hard.

"We cannot, therefore, hope for any considerable sum to be raised in the Diocese for some time to come, and yet the Church cannot afford to wait till her people have obtained wealth enough or are collected in sufficient numbers to provide for their own spiritual needs.

"In places like Regina, and Moosomin, where any considerable number of Church people reside together, the Church is self-

supporting.

"The Diocese owes a great debt to the S.P.G., S.P.C.K. and C.M.S. for liberal and essential help in the past, but the S.P.G. and C.M.S. have entered on a policy of reduction with a view to the early withdrawal of other help on the ground that the Church in Eastern Canada should take up the work which these English Societies thus

lay down.

"We have a loyal and devoted band of clergy doing excellent service for Christ and his Church. When one thinks of the extent of our country Missions, the condition of our roads, and the difficulties of the long and severe winter, and, in many cases, utter want of all real home comforts, we cannot fail to be lost in admiration for the self-sacrificing devotion of our little band of clergy. We need at once reinforcements. Three new Missions are to be opened up this spring, and this means a financial weakening of the Missions which are thus divided, and we need the sympathy, the prayers and the practical help of our brethren in the East. Surely we shall not appeal in vain?"

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Diocese was held at Indian Head on January 20th, when the following grants and resolutions were passed.

Grants were made towards the stipends of the clergy, lay readers

and interpreters, from April 1st, 1898, to March 31st, 1899.

Grants were made from the S.P.C.K. block grant for the building of Churches at Swift Current, and a district Church in the Qu'Appelle Station parish of one-fifth the cost, the grant not to exceed one thousand dollars.

A sum of three hundred and six dollars was voted to pay off the

debt on the Gordon School accounts for last year.

Mrs. Knight, who has for so long been the warm friend of the Diocese, among other works editing the Occasional Paper, published in connection with the Qu'Appelle Association in England, has written to the Bishop stating that on account of ill health she was obliged to give up editing the paper. The Executive Committee appointed Mr. Boyce and the Secretary a sub-committee to draft and forward a resolution expressing their regret and their high appreciation of Mrs. Knight's services on behalf of the Diocese in the past.

The resolution thus voted was drawn up and duly forwarded to Mrs. Knight.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

Mrs. Grisdale, writing on March 2nd to Miss Mountain, says:—"I hope you will be able to send us a liberal supply of clothing and fancy articles this summer. The work is growing in the Diocese and new missions must be started if the Church is to hold her own and keep her children from straying. The boxes sent out from England are so very helpful. They act as a stimulus in many parishes where the Church people are poor or few in number. The little sales of work to which the contents of the boxes are sent, provide money for so many things. A ready sale is found for girls' muslin pinafores, trimmed with a little cheap lace, especially if they are a pretty pattern. Mother Hubbard frocks for children of two or three years old are most acceptable. Indeed, children's clothing of all kinds finds a ready sale. Mothers of large families, who have no help, find it hard to keep their children supplied with clothing, when every garment has to be made by themselves."

Will triends who send clothing kindly notice the request of Miss Mountain printed with her acknowledgments in this number, and also

the notice on page 4 about parcels.

The Rev. J. P. SARGENT, who was the first clergyman in the Diocese, writing on March 20th, says :- "DEAR EDITOR,-We are all glad to have you again in harness for the old Diocese. When we last met I think it was on your coming to preach the sermon at the Patronal Festival at S. Albans, Moosomin, in 1890. Do you remember your text, 'Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward?' Moosomin has certainly gone forward, for since then it has become self-sup-porting; and I think we may say that the whole Diocese in the eight years past has advanced; and none will rejoice more than the Members of the Association to whom, under GoD, the Church people of this Diocese owe so much. Let us look at figures; if not all-convincing, they are certainly valuable as an indication of the state of the case. Communicants in 1890 numbered 1,051; in the returns to Easter, 1897, the number given is 1,452; in the same years respectively, the total money raised in the Diocese for all purposes, including clergy stipends, are 9,685 dollars and 11,162 dollars. Another mark of advance is that, in several cases where parishes have been divided. the same amount for clergy stipend as was raised in the undivided parish is now raised in a much smaller area; this has been especially the case in the parishes of Grenfell and Qu'Appelle Station, from which were cut off Broadview and Indian Head on the east, and now

with some hope of success two new missions to the west of the same old parishes are being formed. The work in the southern part of the Diocese, Estevan, Gainsboro, Alameda and Oxbow, where there are two Churches and two parsonages, has been mainly taken up since 1890. The long stretch of former days between Moosejaw and Medicine Hat without any resident priest, has been occupied for some years by Mr. Cunliffe, at Maple Creek, who now asks for a lay reader to help him to occupy new ground North and South. Arrangements are also in progress for an assistant clergyman in the Medicine Hat parish.

"Far as we come short of what we ought to be, much as we may have to deplore the want of a higher principle of almsgiving, while we have many bright and holy examples of self-denial and devotion, yet in fear, in trembling and in faith, we thank God and take courage, having seen and felt the good hand of our God upon us in our work

for CHRIST and His Church."

The Rev. F. Wells Johnson, writing from Halifax, on March 28th, says:—" I am just returning to my parish at Fort Qu'Appelle, after a winter in England, and having promised to write something for the next Occasional I feel that now is a good time to do it. wonderful what an attraction the life in the N.W. has for one; much as an occasional visit to England is enjoyed, yet it is with a feeling of the greatest pleasure that I look forward to recommencing my work While in England I have not had the opportunity to do in Canada. very much directly for the work in Qu'Appelle, but I have at any rate found out how many there are who take a real interest in the Diocese. and I would take this opportunity of telling any who help us how fully their help is appreciated; it is most helpful I am sure to all working in any of England's colonies to feel that from the old country prayers are constantly going up on their behalf, and especially to know of the EUCHARIST offered with special intention for the welfare of the Church in that particular Diocese in which they work. Now that I have had the opportunity of seeing more into the working of the Qu'Appelle Association, and the privilege of meeting many of its members, I feel more than ever convinced of the great help that the Association is to the work in Qu'Appelle, both spiritually and materially. Now for a little more about my own particular work. Fort Ou'Appelle is the name of a small town or village about eighteen miles from the Canadian Pacific Railway; it is a well-known name in that part of the world, as for many years—I don't know how many—there has been at this spot a Hudson Bay trading port; the old house belonging to the company is still in existence, and part of the old stockade fence still stands, or rather tries to stand, round it. Great changes this old 'Fort' has seen, and many are the interesting stories of the old life that Mr. MacDonald, the Hudson Bay Factor, can tell. It is not so

very many years since the white man was scarce and the Indian and buffalo numerous, but the railway joining together the Atlantic and Pacific has changed all that. Now it is the white man who tills the land, the buffalo is seen no more, and the Indian, his old pursuit denied him, is forced against his will to 'acclimatise' himself to a different mode of life; it is hard on the Indian, but one man's meat is another's poison, and the weaker go to the wall. But under the circumstances what can be done is as far as possible being done both for the spiritual and material welfare of the red man. My work is among the settlers. In my parish I have three churches. home in the Fort, a substantial stone one, built about twelve years ago. and to which we hope to add a tower shortly. For this Church I am taking back with me a handsome brass lectern, given anonymously in memory of our late Bishop; I also have a most beautiful white frontal worked for us by a lady friend in England; we supplied part of the funds for material, and the rest of the cost was defrayed by the subscription of friends at home, but the work is of course the chief part. and will I am sure be fully appreciated. Then I have a Church at Katenwa about twelve and a half miles off, such a lovely situation close to the bank of the lower of our chain of lakes in the Ou'Appelle valley; round this Church is a good settlement and many of the settlers are Church people. We have service every Sunday in the summer, every fortnight in the winter, and very bright and hearty the services here are. And about nineteen miles off I have another Church at Abernethy, a very dear friend of mine; I helped to build it myself when I was working as a layman in that district; little did I think one hot summer day in 1886, as I dug the foundations for this Church, that some day I should be its vicar, but so it is. Here we have a fortnightly service, with a congregation which, like many country congregations, consists chiefly of men. In another direction at Balcarres, I hold monthly services in a schoolroom; and in yet another direction in the Hayward district, we have a monthly service in a farm-To hold these services means a lot of driving; my easiest Sunday is three services, with twenty-three miles, my hardest is four services, with fifty miles to drive. In the winter, however, quite so much cannot be done, the days are too short, the snow track often bad to travel on, and the weather precarious, but it is most helpful to see the way in which a few faithful ones always attend the service in spite Early Celebration I have only in the home Church, and of weather. in winter, when the thermometer is 40° below zero. I have known the water to freeze on to the paten and chalice in the ablution; I always use warm water in the cruet. To have an early Celebration means that I have to get up long enough beforehand to attend to my two or three horses, clean the stable out, &c., and then go in and wash and change, but there is no other service to me ever so helpful, and the extra work perhaps makes it more helpful still.

"Last summer I held two or three services at Pheasant Forks, a place forty-five miles off, but I am glad to hear that arrangements have

been made for the formation of a new parish, in which this place will be regularly served. The services I held there were the first ever held by the Church of England in that settlement. While visiting there during one week I saw some people who told me I was the first clergyman of their own they had seen since they came to the country fifteen years ago: the man who told me this was frozen to death last Christmas. How glad I was that just a few months before his death he had been able to join in the worship once more at the Church to which he This shows the need of more men and more support. am afraid that a good deal of this will prove stale news to many of the readers of the Occasional, but it is hard to find anything very new to say, and I only write with the idea that those who wish in any way any particulars would like to know a little how that work is going on. am taking back with me about £8, the result of the collection made at a meeting at Ilfracombe, where a branch of the Association has been started. It is to go towards the support of the Indian School on Gordon's Reserve. While in England I sent nearly £19, the result of the offertories on one Sunday, kindly given me by the Vicar and wardens at St. Mary's Church, Cuddington. I have also some clothing for the Indian children, and a few toys; and an address I gave at a meeting at one of the Guilds in connection with St. Mark's, Notting Hill, resulted in the adoption of a child at the Indian School by the boys of St. Mark's School, so perhaps after all my first statement as to work done by me for Qu'Appelle is not quite correct."

PARISH NEWS.

WHITEWOOD.—The Rev. W. E. Brown, who held the charge of Whitewood about eight years ago, revisited his former charge on Sunday, 16th of January. The little Church was filled at Matins and Evensong with those who well remembered Mr. Brown in former years.

The Bishop visited Forest Farm on January 23rd and preached in

St. Matthew's Church.

The funeral of Miss Minnie Biggins, whose sad death at Saltcoats Hospital we recorded in our last number, took place at Whitewood on

January 5th.

A successful dramatic entertainment was held in Whitewood on Shrove Tuesday; the proceeds, which amounted to about £8 or £10, were given to the Church fund, and at Wapella, two entertainments were given, during the month of February, on behalf of the organ fund, when a sum of £6 man wind.

fund, when a sum of £6 was raised.

The Rev. James Williams, who has held the charge of this Mission for the last five years, resigned his charge of Whitewood at Easter, and has now undertaken the charge of a new district which has been formed out of the Missions of Grenfell, Indian Head, and Fort Qu'Appelle. It consists of a number of country settlements, including Ellesbro', Rosewood, Pheasant Forks, and the town of Wolseley, where there is

no Church at present. This is one of the three districts mentioned in the Bishop's letter of November 24th, published in our last number.

SALTCOATS.—The Bishop visited Saltcoats on Sunday, February 13th, and confirmed in St. Augustine's Church. Six candidates were presented. The Rev. T. A. Teitelbaum has been appointed general Missionary in the Diocese. He will not give up the charge of his present Mission, which he has held for ten years, but will have the help of an assistant. Mr. Teitelbaum is now on his way to England; his address, after May 14th, will be Hilly Bank, Bridgenorth, Salop, or letters may be addressed to him in the care of Canon Liddell.

MEDICINE HAT. — The following extract from St. Edward's Chronicle, describing the Rev. F. Eichbaum's visit to Medicine Hat, will be read with interest:—

"The following day Mr. Nicolls took me across the railway bridge over the Saskatchewan to see the Indian school building on the other side. The bridge is about a quarter of a mile long, and it requires some little skill to step along it. We crossed the school 'compound' warily, as this side of the river is infested with rattle-snakes, which doubtless will vanish before increasing civilisation.

"The school is in much the same state as it was three years ago, except that the concrete between the cross beams has bulged out, and this will cause some more expense in setting it to rights. Our readers will remember that the school was built by Mr. Wilson, then handed over by him to the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, and by it placed in Mr. Nicoll's hands to do what he could with. The building is so far unfinished that there are still no windows in their frames, and much of the flooring has not been laid down. Mr. Nicolls was therefore helpless till money could be raised for the completion of the building. An appeal made this year in England has brought in £320; it will require £400 at least to finish it, and £30 is the minimum that can be spent on furniture. There was some hope in July that a grant may be made by the S.P.G. from the great Marriott bequest, but I have heard nothing more of this. I understand that this is the only Church Indian school not supported by the Government in the N.W.T., the Government grant, promised for four years, having been withdrawn, I suppose owing to the late change in the Canadian Parliament.

"There are plenty of Indian children in the neighbourhood to begin with, and Mr. Nicolls hopes to live himself in the school, when habitable, with a friend who has promised to join in the work."

GRENFELL.—We have received capital photographs of the exterior and interior of the Church of Grenfell dedicated to St. Michael and all Angels. They have been sent in the hope that they may be used as illustrations of our pages, but, alas, our means will not yet permit us to

indulge in such luxuries. The interior view presents the appearance of a well ordered village Church, and shows that much care is bestowed upon it. Mr. Beal writes:-"The Body of the Church was built in 1885, the Tower in 1893, the Chancel in 1897; so you see we have been some time in getting a complete Church. The following clergy have worked in the parish: - The Rev. J. W. Gregory, 1885-86; the Rev. A. W. F. Cooper, 1886-87; H. S. Akehurst (as lay reader). 1887-89; the Rev. F. V. Baker, 1889-91; the Rev. G. N. Dobie (as assistant), 1890-91, and the Rev. T. G. Beal, 1891-98. When I came in 1801 the parish included Broadview and Cotham on the east (23 miles), and as far as Santa-Luta, including Wolseley and Ellesbro', or 26 miles on the west. In 1893 Broadview and the eastern part of the district were taken away and the Rev. F. H. Tatham placed in charge. In 1898 the western half of the district, including Wolseley, Ellesbro' and Rosewood Mission, is to be taken away and the Rev. Jas. Williams placed in charge. I retain Grenfell and the district immediately north and south. Since 1880 the following Churches have been built in the district: St. Luke, Broadview; St. Andrew, Weed Hills; both during Mr. Baker's incumbency. Since I came in 1891 the tower and chancel have been added to St. Michael's and the following Churches built: Christ Church, Cotham; Holy Trinity, Hyde; St. John the Baptist, Ellesbro'. This shows the change that has taken place in one parish within twelve years. Where in 1886 there was one clergyman now there are three; where in 1886 there was one Church in the district now there are six. In every one of these Churches of course we have the Cross on the Altar, and in four out of the six we have lights." Mr. Beal adds that these facts will at least show that the kind efforts of the Association have helped towards the building up of the Church in the parish of Grenfell.

CANNINGTON.—An account of a visit to Cannington Manor by the

Rev. Clement Williams of Moosomin:-

[&]quot;On Friday, January 14th, I left Moosomin for Cannington Manor to hold services there on the following Sunday. Owing to the mild weather which has so long prevailed, the long drive of over forty miles was robbed of those terrors which beset it when the thermometer is unfriendly and the blizzards are abroad. It was indeed a pleasure rather than a hardship, and at the journey's end I was most hospitably entertained by Mr. Ernest N. Maltby, one of the wardens of the parish. On Saturday I visited the Church which, like all the Churches that I have yet seen in this Diocese, gives evidence of reverent care. On a previous visit I found Mr. Pierce, one of the wardens, most painstaking in arranging in every possible way for the services, and on this occasion I found Mr. Maltby, the other warden, actively engaged in the same good work, and thoroughly devoted to the welfare of the Church. Although a busy man he spent much time in arranging for the success of the services and the comfort of the congregation. On Sunday there

was a Celebration of HOLY COMMUNION at 10.30 a.m., Matins and Sermon at 11.15 a.m., and Evensong and Sermon at 3 p.m. About twenty persons made their Communions and the congregations were fairly good. At both Matins and Evensong the Lessons were read by Mr. J. Humphrey, lay reader, who, despite ill health, has most faithfully, and at much self-sacrifice, conducted regular services during the vacancy of the Parish. The organ was played by Mrs. Maltby at Matins and by Mrs. Baker at Evensong, and the congregation joined

heartily in the services.

"Cannington Manor has suffered much from the removal of Parishioners, and many more intend leaving for the Gold Fields in the This will make the needs of the Parish greater, as more support from the Funds of the Diocese will be required. It is to be hoped that many of the gold seekers will return from the Klondyke with rich offerings for the Church. It would be pleasant to read by-and-bye concerning some of them that 'when they had opened their treasures they presented unto HIM gold' like the wise men of old. Meanwhile, however, the needs of the Parish are pressing and we cannot draw on the Klondyke. Having to remain until Tuesday I had the opportunity of meeting some of the Parishioners, and enjoyed meanwhile the hospitality of Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Maltby. I was favoured with a very fine day for the return journey, and reached home with very pleasant recollections of my trip."

The Rev. JOHN SHELLY, who has been curate of the Church of the Venerable Bede, Gateshead, has been offered, and has accepted, the charge of Cannington Manor. Mr. Shelly, of Oriel College, Oxford, took his B.A. degree in 1892, and the same year went out to Ou'Appelle intending to devote himself to farming. He joined St. John's College, Qu'Appelle, under Bishop Anson, and took charge of St. John's School for one term during the vacancy of the Diocese. Soon after Bishop Burn's arrival Mr. Shelly returned to England with the purpose of taking his Theological training at Wells Theological College. He was ordained Deacon in 1895 and Priest in 1896 by the Bishop of Newcastle, and at once commenced work as Curate of the

Venerable Bede, Gateshead.

Qu'Appelle Station.—We have to correct a slight error which has crept into our account of this parish in our last number; the new Church projected is not at Edgeley but at Vernon, a settlement about three miles west of Edgeley. Mrs. Cameron, who has taken so much interest in the building of this Church, writes on January 31st:—"Last Thursday we had a splendid meeting at Mr. Cooper's house (where Mr. Sargent holds fortnightly services). Mr. Sargent was to have been present, but was unable to attend so Mr. Cameron took the chair. There were twenty-four there, amongst these eighteen heads of families; several sites were offered, but Mr. Cooper's being the most central was chosen. A building Committee was formed, with Mr. Alfred Whiting as Chairman. Several loads of stone and sand were promised, and the settlers have all agreed to draft the stone and sand free. After the meeting five of the building Committee, myself and two other ladies drove to the site chosen in the face of a blinding snow storm, and they marked it out. I was determined to take the first stone to the place, so some of the young men found a large granite stone for me to put in the cutter (kind of sleigh); we drove it there and I placed it at one of the corners."

It will be seen from the Bishop's letter that this Church is to receive part of the furniture of the now disused St. John's Chapel at the College, and from the report of the Executive Committee Meeting that a grant of one-fifth the cost, up to the amount of one thousand dollars, has been promised from the S.P.C.K. block grant. Mrs. Cameron adds "I fear it will cost more than I at first thought, so I am working hard to raise the money."

The Rev. A. C. Kettle is leaving Touchwood soon after Easter.

and will visit Eastern Canada on behalf of the Indian Missions.

WORK AMONG THE INDIANS.

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION, FORT PELLY.
By The Rev. Owen Owens.

This Mission is situated on Key's Reserve on the left banks of the Assiniboine. The present population of the Key's Reserve is small, only seventy all told. Of that number thirty-three are still pagans, including the chief and all his family. The attitude of the pagans towards Christianity is not one of fierce hatred as in some On the other hand, it is not easy to obtain a hearing for the Gospel at their hands. They have all heard the good news with their ears but not yet in their hearts. All the influence of those interested in heathen worship, i.e., dances and feasts, is set against those who wish to profess Christ, and every one who does profess Him is sure to receive a liberal share of persecution. They (the enquirers) are also afraid of the bad medicines of pagan medicine men who are credited with unlimited power for good and ill over the lives of men, and also with being in league with the bad spirits who are always ready to do their baneful bidding. There is a most substantial foundation under this reputation of the medicine men; they do possess a wonderful knowledge of the virtues of herbs, roots, barks, &c. Their evil reputation is undoubtedly due solely to the use they make of slow poisons secretly given in the food or drink of their victims. But he would be a clever man who by reasoning could convince the Indians, whether pagan or Christian, that there is no connection between these "bad works" and witchcraft pure and simple. There are some white people who believe that the Indians possess a power for evil beyond natural laws and natural knowledge. What wonder then if the medicine man holds his own untutored brother in mortal fear of his powers. Such then are the obstacles to Christianity amongst the present day pagans.

The remainder on this Reserve are Christians. Their attendance at Church is both regular and devout, and they lead lives in accord-

ance with their professions.

It must always be borne in mind that more than half of the Church members of St. Andrew's Mission are not residents on Kev's Reserve. Our people are scattered throughout the whole of the District of Pelly. Some on the Cote and Kesikouse Reserves, some at Fort Pelly, and others settled as ranchers and farmers in the district. At Fort Pelly a Church for one hundred people would soon be filled. But we have no Church nor means to build one. We are allowed to use a small log school house now for our services. If the village continues to increase, a Church must be built there. But 800 dollars, or 1,000 dollars, is a large sum to collect from poor people. Fort Pelly has been in the past a very important centre of Indian trade. It once possessed a house set apart for public worship; but to-day only the graveyard belonging to it remains to mark the spot. One cannot but regret that it was allowed to go to ruin, and pray for the day when another house dedicated to the glory of GoD and the worship of the Holy Trinity, shall take its place. Who will begin this work? If the foundations could be laid, we have no doubt but that it would soon become a finished building where souls could be won to faith in their Saviour.

We have on Key's Reserve a small day school, and the children attending it are doing very well considering what can be done in a But there is so much that needs to be taught to the day school. children that cannot be attempted in a day school, and we heartily long for the day when we shall have a boarding school large enough to take in all our Christian children, as well as the children of the heathen parents. Our people here are poor, indeed very poor, but not because they do not work and earn something all the time, but because they know next to nothing about making the best of what they do earn. It cannot be called wilful waste, because it arises out of the lack of knowing how. Generally speaking their houses consist of one They have practically no furniture. Even the room or at most two. houses that are better built, and have a kitchen, as well as two living rooms, have very little furniture, and the separation of the sexes is not properly provided for.

The pupils of boarding schools have already proved the value of their training as a remedy against all the above defects. Filthy hovels that had no provisions for decency have, by their hands and influence, been turned into habitable, if poor, dwelling places. The object of the boarding school is to instil habits of cleanliness, order and industry, into the very personality of each individual pupil. To accomplish this, the pupil must be kept away as much as possible from the contrary influences as well as be brought into the schools as young as possible, and kept there until he or she is of such an age that the

habits are fairly well ingrained into their minds. The Canadian Government have at a great expense built and maintained large industrial schools where trades are supposed to be taught. But if one half of them were turned into the less expensive boarding schools, and the other half compelled to confine themselves to teaching only such trades as carpentering, blacksmithing, &c., and the money thus saved used to build and maintain boarding schools, where now day schools only are provided, the money so spent would do more than

five times the good now accomplished.

If the Government and the Church wish to see Indian boys entering the higher professions, it would be better for them to offer yearly a number of Scholarships to Indian boys to enable them to enter into the public schools and colleges. They should reserve the higher branches of education to those only who, by diligence and concentration, have shown themselves fit for such. The bulk of the energy and the funds should be expended upon the great mass of Indian children in the day schools and boarding schools. It must not be forgotten that we do teach all children in boarding schools to work as well as read and write.

They are compelled to work so many hours daily, gardening, milking, wood chopping, &c. The girls and boys learn to sew and knit. All the house work is generally done by the girls, and also the cooking, baking bread and making butter. So that a boy or girl from a boarding school at eighteen years of age, or even under that age, is fairly well trained in all that they will ever need to know as

servants or housekeepers on their own account.

It is a pity that so much of the Church's money has been asked and expended in the past in giving a few Indian children expensive education in trades and professions which they do not follow after they become their own masters. The Church is called upon to preach the gospel for all, and not to provide trades to a favoured few, to the end that the great mass of Indian children are left almost in heathen ignorance, not only of general knowledge but of the Gospel itself. is therefore to be hoped that not only will there be forthcoming more liberal means for Indian work, but that the means now provided be expended to the best advantage of the greatest number. tainly will be in the direction of multiplying boarding schools and increasing their rolls so as to include all Indian children except those who, having proved themselves fit in mind and body, are passed on to the higher grade schools and colleges, or to industrial schools where trades are taught. The Church can help to bring this about by refusing to support any of the expensive technical schools. The Church would be perfectly justified in such a course, as Christian education can be given even better in the boarding schools, and as the boarding schools do not pretend to do more than they can reasonably perform, they do not raise false hopes in the minds of their pupils. By raising false hopes we mean, that the industrial schools teach trades that Indian boys will never follow, in some cases for want of work in those trades,

and in other cases through lack of looking for trade. Out of some bands of fifty and sixty families there will be enough trained as black-smiths for ten times that number, and similarly in most trades. It is useless to say that they should go and work for the settlers, when there are nearly always more such craftsmen among the settlers themselves than can find profitable employment. It is time to have done with these useless hobbies in Indian work, and instead, to avail ourselves of the best means of civilising and Christianising the bulk of the Indian children. The Indian is better adapted to the life of a herdsman or a small farmer than to that of the artisan and professional. Exceptional cases may be met with, but exceptions only prove the rule.

We have taken pains to fully explain why we put so much stress upon boarding schools as a wholesale means of dealing with Indian children, and will only sum up what experience seems to point to. First, the day schools do not meet the wants, because in them the children cannot be taught habits of industry, neatness and perseverance, and they are never even partially weaned from the evil superstition of their people. Secondly, the industrial schools aim to do more than can thoroughly be done even for a few only and at far too great a cost for them ever to become the general schools for Indians. Whereas if the money spent on them were spent on boarding schools, a greater number would be benefited without any loss in training the children to become good citizens and Christians as well.

THE WORK IN ENGLAND.

ILFRACOMBE.—On Thursday, February 3rd, a very successful meeting was held in the parish room on behalf of the Qu'Appelle Association. The Rev. F. Wells Johnson gave an interesting account of his work in the Diocese. A branch of the Association was formed and Miss Gilbert Dickinson has kindly consented to act as Secretary, A sum of about £8 was collected at the meeting, which was given to Mr. Johnson for his work, and a further sum was collected as annual subscriptions, which was forwarded to the bank in the usual course.

BOURNEMOUTH.—A drawing-room meeting, which was well attended, was held, by the kind invitation of Canon and Mrs. Fisher, at St. Peter's Vicarage. The Rev. W. J. Gregory and the Rev. F. Wells

Johnson spoke of past and present work in the Diocese.

PLYMOUTH.—A new branch was formed in Plymouth at a meeting on Saturday in Easter week. Mrs. Shelly undertook the office of Secretary, and the Vicar of Christ Church kindly allows the use of his Church for the Intercession office and for special Intercessions at the Holy Eucharist. The dates of these Intercessions have yet to be fixed.

INTERCESSIONS.

Special Intercessions for the work and needs of the Diocese are made at the usual Celebrations of the HOLY EUCHARIST in the following places:—

BOURNEMOUTH.—St. Peter's, on the last Tuesday in each month.

St. Stephen's, on the first Friday in March, June, September and December.

All Saints, Branksome, on the first Tuesday in February, May, August and November.

The Intercession office of the Association will be said at

BOURNEMOUTH.—St. Peter's, on April 27th, July 27th, October 26th, at 12.30 (immediately after the Litany).

The Editor will be glad to know of any other places where regular

Intercessions are held for the Diocese.

NEEDS AND THANKSGIVINGS.

It is hoped that at all services of Intercession the following needs and thanksgivings will be remembered:—

NEEDS.—(1) Larger means to enable the Bishop to open new

Missions.

(2) Men and workers, especially for vacant Missions—Touchwood Post, Yorkton, Whitewood, Craven and Pense; also Gordon's Reserve.

(3) More helpers in England.

(4) For the following parishes:—Whitewood, new stone Church; Saltcoats, help for the Hospital; Estevan, Church improvement; Wolseley, a Church, and money for the completion of the Church at Ellesboro'; Qu'Appelle Station, money for building and furnishing the new Church at Vernon.

(5) Work among the Indians—more workers, a Church at Fort

Pelly.

(6) The Rev. John Shelly desires to be specially remembered in his new work at Cannington Manor.

THANKSGIVINGS.—(1) For the opening of a new Mission at Wolseley.

(2) For the appointment to Cannington Manor.

(3) The opening of two new branches of the Association.

OBITUARY.

THE DOWAGER LADY VERNON.

Lady Vernon, sister of the first Bishop of the Diocese, passed away from this world after a lengthened illness, on February 15th. A name is thus taken from the list of our lady correspondents that has been there from the first beginning of our Association; and the Diocese

loses one of its most active, zealous, and faithful supporters. She was one of the most regular and interested attendants at the Annual Meetings from the first, and was the means of enlisting many friends and helpers. The prayer that she so continually offered for the work, and in the prevailing power of which, through the Mediation of Christ, she had such simple unwavering faith, will doubtless be continued to be offered in the nearer presence to the Throne in the Paradise of the waiting Church to which, by the Mercy of God, we believe that she has been admitted, but many of the most earnest supporters of the Diocese will sadly miss her presence amongst us here.

"The Lord grant unto her that she may find mercy of the Lord in

that day."

MISSIONS—A BOND OF UNION AMONGST CHURCH PEOPLE.

By BISHOP ANSON.

In the excellent Paper which Canon Dugmore kindly wrote in the last Occasional, "On the Missionary Spirit," we were well reminded that "the *heart* of the Church must be right with God, if her *hands* are to present, in converted nations, an acceptable offering to her

LORD."

There must be first the true, earnest Missionary spirit—love for Christ, constraining us to fulfil, to the utmost of our power, His command to "preach the Gospel to every creature," and overflowing in love and pity for those who as yet know not the blessings which He came to bring to men. And in the face of that all-compelling command of Love, and of that "exceeding bitter cry" that comes from the vast numbers of those, our brothers and sisters, for whom Christ died, but who as yet know not the glad tidings of salvation through His Name, ought not the voices of divisions amongst Christians, amongst those at least who hold the essentials of the Catholic Faith, to be hushed into a profound awe-inspired silence?

Can "the heart of the Church be right with God" unless there is

unity?

I am not one who would wish to minimise the importance of many of the questions which undoubtedly do divide even Churchmen. I feel very strongly that it is our bounden duty to teach "the whole council of God" as we believe we have been taught it by God through that Branch of the Holy Catholic Church to which by His providence we belong. And even in the matter of Ritual, as the Preface in our Prayer Book "Of Ceremonies" says:—"Although the keeping or omitting of a Ceremony, in itself considered, is but a small thing; yet the wilful and contemptuous transgression and breaking of a common order and discipline is no small offence before God." I have no sympathy whatever with those who make the plea of concord a cloak for laxity or indifference as to the truth. It is, moreover, undoubtedly

true, as we are often told, that real and lasting unity cannot be based on compromise, but must have truth for its foundation. But we must remember that that truth has various degrees of importance in the salva-There are some for foundation work, others for building. &c. It is doubtless of very great importance that we should have a right and clear understanding of the purpose and the efficacy of the Holy Sacraments, and that we should Worship God with all the solemnity and even magnificence that becomes creatures approaching the Majesty of the Most High, where it is in our power so to do. It is doubtless right that we should know what it is to be "saved by faith," and "to live by faith," and to be numbered amongst God's elect or chosen people; and have a clear and right judgment on many other such like subjects. But when we are face to face with the poor ignorant heathen, who only know of God as a Being to be feared, and to be approached and pacified by charms, incantations, or sacrifices, or when we would teach the more cultured non-Christian races, or even when we go to minister to the scattered sheep of Christ's own flock on some distant prairie, we have to tell them simple foundation truths, and to offer simple forms of worship in which we are all agreed—the "Old old Story of Jesus and His love," for our Gospel messages to the heathen, and the "Breaking of Bread" for the refreshment of the assembly of Christians.

Oh! if men only loved the Lord Jesus with a more real, all-absorbing love—as He deserves to be loved—if they were more entirely filled with the Spirit, that Spirit which constrained Him to leave His Throne in Heaven to seek and to save the lost; that Spirit which yearned with a quenchless fervour that all men might know and have a share in the redemption that He wrought for the world on the Cross of Calvary. One great constraining passion would knit the hearts of all together, and hush the voice of controversy, in the one common desire to make His Name known among all the Heathen, to make Him King over all the earth, and his Church "the fulness of Him that filleth all in all"—what He intended it to be, and what He prayed that it might be—the one fold of His one flock, witnessing to the world by its oneness and the brotherly love and zeal of its members, of the Divine

Mission of its Head—the Lord Iesus.

A. A., Bishop.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Mr. Burrow, the hero of the following narrative, is the Minister of some Methodist congregations in the Diocese. His adventure illustrates the dangers which our own clergy have to face in the discharge of their duties during the winter months:—

On Sunday evening Mr. Burrow left town about 6 o'clock to keep his appointment with his Rose Valley congregation. The night was cold but not stormy at that hour. Mr. Burrow had some difficulty in

finding the turn to the north after passing Red Fox Coulee, but eventually, as he thought, found it, and hastened on. After driving for a little on what seemed to be the trail, but what must have been a tract of fallow ground, his horses began to get into deep snow, and looking around, Mr. Burrow saw the light from Mr. Holden's house somewhat He at once turned his horses in that to the north-west of him. direction, but soon found them floundering in the great drifts of snow on the edge of the coulee. Unharnessing his team and leaving them he hastened to Mr. Holden's, where help was secured, and his team were soon in the stable. It was now too late to reach Rose Valley in anything like time for service, so after resting himself and team for a time. Mr. Burrow started for home. He reached Red Fox Coulee in safety, there being nothing like a storm at that hour east of the coulee, but in issuing from the mouth of the coulee on the west side a blinding storm met him, and soon afterwards he discovered that his team had left the trail. Getting out of his cutter (a kind of sleigh). Mr. Burrow attempted to find the trail, but ineffectually—he could see clouds of snow whirling all around him. He then thought of following the horse's tracks, and tried to do this, but after a few yards the tracks, made but a few minutes previously, were completely obliterated, and this plan had to be given up. Mr. Burrow then got into his cutter again and thought he would let his horses have their own way. in the hope that perchance they might bring him out all right; but they, after plunging through the deep snow for a time, played out, and the traveller gave himself up for lost. He then unharnessed his team. thinking they might find their way to some place of shelter, but they refused to leave him. Mr. Burrow then turned his cutter up on the side to form a wind break, and arranged a horse blanket to hang over the front, then rolling his robes (i.e., fur rugs) around him he prepared to spend It was now just ten o'clock, and our traveller wondered whether he could stand the exposure for eight or nine hours without After a time Mr. Burrow felt that he could arrange things freezing. more comfortably, and he left his shelter and scooped out as deep a hole in the snow as he could immediately in front of the cutter, and spreading his horse blankets in this, and rolling his robe around him he pulled the cutter down over him.

Here he spent the remainder of the night, and long and dreary it was. Sometimes as the storm raged furiously over his head, and he could feel the snow sifting in around him until he could hardly move, he thought that he would never again see friends and loved ones alive. He feared at times that his feet would freeze, and he kept them moving in some way or other most of the night; otherwise he did not suffer from cold at all. Had the thermometer been registering 15° or 20° below zero, Mr. Burrow would probably never have seen home again.

With the early dawn our traveller came out from his shelter and eagerly looked about him, but could see nothing but the whirling snow. At this time the storm seemed to grow worse, and Mr. Burrow almost lost hope. After waiting with great anxiety for some time further the

rosy light of the rising sun showed where lay the east, and Mr. Burrow turned his back to the storm and set out westward hoping to reach some place of safety. After struggling along for some time, sometimes on the hard beaten drifts and sometimes floundering in the soft loose snow, sometimes almost carried off his feet by the strong wind, sometimes so exhausted with his long vigil and with the blinding storm that he crawled along on hands and knees, he at length saw what seemed to be a granary. Invigorated by the renewal of his hope he pushed on and soon found himself at the house of Mr. George Harvey. Here rapping loudly, he aroused Mr. Harvey, who speedily admitted him, Mr. Burrow falling exhausted to the floor as soon as he got in.

Kindly hands speedily ministered to him and, divested of his clothes (which had the snow driven into them so as to be twice their own weight), he was put to bed, where warmth and food soon made him

feel somewhat like himself again.

Strange to say, Mr. Burrow has escaped without a single frost bite, although his feet were very numb; he feels somewhat fatigued, but otherwise is none the worse for an experience that will cause the night of the 20th of February, 1898, to be one of the most memorable nights of his life.

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Per	Mrs. Anson Horton		ī	11	0	0	10	0	69	0	6	71	I	6
	Rev. C. P. Banks	•••				8	19	7	2	15	0	11	14	7 8
	Miss Galpin	•••	0	1	0	8	5	8	13	2	ò	21	8	0
	Rev. W. E. Hobbes		1	1	0	0	2	6	10	0	6	11	4	_
	Rev. Canon Liddell		3	18	6	4	10	0	0	10	0	8	18	6
••	Miss Locke King		-						4	0	0	4	0	0
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,,	Mrs. Lewis Knight					3	0	0	0	5	6	3	5	6
• •	Miss A. Palmer					7	6	6	0	5	0	7	11	6
••	Mrs. Sercombe								4	12	0	4	12	0
"	Treasurer		9	17	0	197	2	0		•••		206	19	0
"	Treasurer for Scotland		,	-,					5	0	0	5	0	0
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	Totals		£17	8	6	£307	4	3	£122	9	6	£447	2	_3

*ANALYSIS OF SPECIAL DONATIONS.

Church at Edgeley (i.e. V	erno	n)	•••	;	ζı	0	0
School at Medicine Hat					4	I	0
Saltcoats Cottage Hospita	al			•••	5	11	0
Indian Work					6	12	6
"Occasional" Paper		•••		•••	0	3	0
Towards Freight		• • •	•••	•••	0	I	0
				£	17	8	6

QU'APPELLE DIOCESAN FUND.—Receipts and Expenditure for the Year 1897.

RECEIPTS.	ý		EXPENDITURE.	
To Balance, December 31st, 1896		£153 13 10	By Remitted to Diocesan Treasurer-	
" Subscriptions, 1897		122 9 6	School at Medicine Hat £1 0 0	
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			Anniversary Meeting	2 9 9
			" Commission on Remittance	0 0 2
			" Paid for "Occasional"	0 1 0
				412 3 11
			,, Balance	*188 12 2
	00937	1 91 0093		£600 16 1
			WICHOLD A WILLIAMSON	

VICTOR A. WILLIAMSON, Treasurer. G. J. B. HAYTER, Auditor.

* N.B.—Since the audit I have been informed by Messrs. Coutts that a sum of £35 was accidentally credited to this Fund instead of to the Bishop of Qu'Appelle's private account. The balance therefore is only £153 12s. 2d.—V. A. W., 26th April, 1898.