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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.

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.

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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 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 making 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 Hon. Sarah James, Betteshanger, Dover.

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.

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

Apply for *Collecting Boxes* to Hon. Sarah James, Betteshanger, Dover.

Apply for information about *Indian Work* to Miss Webster, 4, West View Terrace, Droitwich Road, Worcester.

Apply for *directions as to forming Local Branches of the Association* to Rev. Canon Lidæll, 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 the Assistant Treasurer, H. A. Grieg, Esq., 12, Lansdowne Place, Blackheath Hill, S.E.

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.

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

Communications respecting Collecting Boxes are to be addressed for the present to *Hon. Sarah James, Betteshanger, Dover*, instead of Miss Mary Garnier.

The Bishop of Qu'Appelle intends to remain in England for some months. His address is: c/o S.P.G., 19, Delahay Street, Westminster, S.W.

FROM THE BISHOP.

The Bishop, Mrs. Grisdale and Miss Grisdale, sailed from Montreal on October 24, and arrived at Liverpool on November 3. After a few days spent with friends, the Bishop began at once to work for the S.P.G., a Society which has done so much for the Diocese of Qu'Appelle. He preached and spoke at meetings for this Society, at Rugeley, Lichfield, Manchester, Leamington, Rochester, Hull, and other places; he also preached at Twynning and Tewkesbury Abbey, and gave an address at a Service of Intercession in Gloucester Cathedral. These engagements, together with the travel necessary to reach the various places, took up the whole of his time until December 9. On this latter date he attended a meeting of the Council of the Qu'Appelle Diocesan Association at Lord Northbourne's residence in Whitehall Gardens. At this meeting he was greatly cheered by the kindness which he received from the members present. To his great delight all the old officers of the Association acceded to his request that they should continue in office, at least until the time of the Annual Meeting. Many of those who in years past have shown a deep interest in the Diocese, have expressed their desire to do all they can in the future. The Bishop desires especially to mention that he has been very much encouraged by kind promises of help given by Bishop Anson, the Revs. Canon Liddell, W. G. Lyon, H. B. Cartwright, Leonard Dawson, and others. These are all most willing to do what they can for the future welfare of the Diocese. If only the other members of the Association will follow their lead, the cause which we have so much at heart is not likely to languish for want of support in the way of alms, sympathy and prayer.

The Bishop has met with the utmost kindness from the Secretaries of the great Church Societies, notably the S.P.G. and the S.P.C.K. He has also noted with great thankfulness the deepened interest with which the work of the Church abroad is regarded by an increasing number of the Clergy and Laity in the Church at home. This is sure to bring a blessing to both.

It is the Bishop's intention to remain in England until after the Lambeth Conference in July, and he will be very glad to hear of openings where he may plead the cause of the Diocese. The need there is still very great. The Clergy are devoted and do their work amid great hardships and privations. The faithful Laity are comparatively few, and scattered over an enormous area. We specially need help for the development of our work among the Indians.

The Bishop earnestly desires that all the friends of Qu'Appelle would remember him in their prayers.

THE BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS.

February	1	...	...	...	Bolton, Lancashire.
"	6 to 12	...	...	...	Eaglescliffe, Jarrow-on-Tees.
"	14	...	...	...	Bishop Auckland.
"	15	...	...	...	West Hartlepool.
"	16	...	...	...	Durham.
"	21	...	...	...	Leeds.
"	23	...	...	...	Leeds.
March	21	...	...	...	St. Stephens, S. Kensington.
"	23	...	...	...	Stratford, E.C.

ASSOCIATION NEWS.

A meeting of the Council of the Association for the Qu'Appelle Diocese, was held on December 9, at 3.15, in Lord Northbourne's house, 6, Whitehall Gardens. Present: Rev. W. St. John Field, Rev. C. P. Banks, Rev. A. E. King, Mrs. Knight, Rev. E. Liddell, Secretary; Victor Williamson, Esq., Treasurer; Right Rev. and Hon. Bishop Anson, and the Bishop of Qu'Appelle (in the chair).

After prayers from the Qu'Appelle Manual, Bishop Anson said:—"We have met to make acquaintance with the Bishop of Qu'Appelle. There is no need for me to dwell at length on the subject of his election. I would only remark that in the opposition made to his election there was no personal feeling; but it was strongly felt by the Clergy in the Qu'Appelle Diocese that one was needed who had friends in England, and also one who would work on the Church principles which had been adopted from the foundation of the Diocese. The present Bishop is in sympathy with us. He is well acquainted with the work. For twenty-four years he has seen the country grow. It lies with him to form anew or re-appoint the Council, which, as a Council, ceased to exist on his consecration."

Bishop GRISDALE: "Bishop Anson and co-workers,—I have looked forward for four months to this meeting. I am familiar with the Diocese, but I did not expect that my name would be even mentioned, and when the unanimous resolution (of the Bishops) was announced, it was a complete surprise to me. I spent that night in prayer and anxious thought and sought an interview with the Primate, and then went into the Church at Regina and prayed again. I came to the conclusion that it was a call from God, and though deeply rooted in my work, and though I shrank from the burden of the Diocese, I felt I ought to accept the appointment. I had had the pleasure of knowing Qu'Appelle for a long time. I was on terms of warmest friendship with Bishop Anson and Bishop Burn, and when the death of Bishop Burn was announced, the business of the Synod was adjourned on my motion. Ever since my acceptance I have met with kindness from both

Clergy and Laity, and was much cheered by the reception of Bishop Anson's letter, which was both frank and cordial.

"As to the future, I have told the Clergy what I feel as to some matters. In every place, for instance, where the Church is already built and where the eastward position has been adopted, I shall take the eastward position. I may say that I have been closely associated with the Primate for many years in the work. Winnipeg has a Church and parish begun by me. Let me assure you of my earnest desire to lay all I am and have at the feet of the Master.

"It is my sincere desire that the present Association should continue. I feel that my load is lighter than it would have been had I not been preceded by Bishop Anson and Bishop Burn. I shall certainly not thoughtlessly make any change whatever."

The names of Rev. H. B. Cartwright and Mrs. Burn were added to the Council.

It was moved and carried unanimously :—

"That the Secretary communicate with the commissaries of other Dioceses to ascertain their views as to a united Canadian Church Service in St. Paul's in 1897."

Also :—

"That the President draw up a form of prayer incorporating a prayer for the heathen in the Qu'Appelle Diocese."

DIOCESAN NEWS.

INDIAN HEAD.—It is proposed that a peal of bells, which will cost about £100, shall be placed in the tower of the Church as a memorial of Bishop Burn. About £20 is already in hand towards the sum needed. Two handsome altar frontals have been given by the widow of the Rev. J. S. Baker, late Rector of St. Mark's, Port Hope. Two boxes containing 170 volumes have been presented by Dr. Bethune, of Trinity College School, Port Hope, to the Burn Memorial Library.

WHITEWOOD.—After the Bishop's enthronement on September 23 he visited Regina, and proceeded thence to Whitewood, where he spent Sunday, September 27, on which day the Harvest Thanksgiving was held. He took the early Celebration at St. Mary's, Whitewood, and preached at the morning Service. Before his sermon he expressed the great pleasure it gave him to hold his first Sunday Service in the Diocese at Whitewood—indeed, not only the first, but the only Sunday Services he should hold before his departure for England. In the afternoon the Bishop drove eleven miles to Forest Farm, and preached there to a crowded congregation, returning for evening Service at Whitewood.

Mr. J. W. Fogarty, of St. Augustine's, Canterbury, arrived on October 8, to act as lay reader.

At Wapella the font given in memory of the late Mr. R. Blythe, J.P., by his friends, was dedicated to God's service on September 20. It is of grey stone, octagonal, having the sacred monogram on the front panel, and on the others Maltese crosses. At the base is a brass plate with the inscription:—"This font is given by old friends in England, in loving memory of Richard Blythe, J.P., who died August 21, 1895." A very large congregation was present. Two children were baptised during the Service.

GRENFELL.—At Hyde a Church has been erected through the exertions of Mr. G. A. E. Hyde and his friends in England. The Church is situated in the Qu'Appelle valley, almost on the banks of the river, and is surrounded by tall poplar trees, a notable feature in that treeless country. It has a vestry and a porch, and the windows throughout the Church are filled with "glacier window decoration." Although it cannot be consecrated till the Bishop's return from England, the first Services were held on October 28 (Feast of S. Simon and S. Jude), when a short Service of Dedication was read before the Celebration of Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m., and the Church was dedicated to the "Holy Trinity." A very handsome organ has been placed in the Church, as well as a lectern and fald stool. At Ellisboro' a meeting was held on October 24 to consider the advisability of building a Church in the spring, and a resolution was carried to that effect. The Rev. Canon Osler, father of Mr. W. P. Osler, has promised a set of altar vessels for the Church when completed.

MEDICINE HAT.—The financial condition of this parish has greatly improved during the past year. Mr. Nicolls hopes to finish the building and start the Indian school as early as possible in the spring.

A meeting in connection with building a log Church at the Josephburg Mission was held in the autumn, and it was decided to begin hauling the logs and getting material in readiness at once. The congregations are often as many as 17 or 20, and will no doubt increase when there is a Church for the district.

MAPLE CREEK.—The Church bell was rung for the first time on Sunday, September 13. The tower has since been finished; it is 26 feet high, at the north west corner of the Church, and is a great addition and improvement. The Church has been painted, and the windows filled with "glacier" decoration. Next year it is hoped that a parsonage may be built, and that the Church may be properly fenced in.

During the summer Services have been held at Fish Creek, Fourmile, Conlee, Graburn, Browns and Hay Creek. It is necessary to close these places for the winter on account of the difficulty of getting through the snow on the hills. Services have also been held along the line as well as at Swift Current, Morse, Rush Lake, Chaplin and Parkbeg, and these will be continued during the winter.

DIOCESAN STATISTICS FROM EASTER, 1895, TO EASTER, 1896.

There were 22 clergy working in the Diocese, 5 of whom were on Indian Reserves. Returns were only sent in from 18 parishes; in these there were 16 clergy, 10 lay readers, and 62 Sunday school teachers. The total number of Communicants amounted to 1,338; there were 265 baptisms and 67 marriages, 83 were confirmed, while 646 children were under instruction in Sunday schools. A total of £2,250 was raised for various Church purposes, Regina and Moosomin, the two "self-supporting" parishes, giving respectively £515 and £289 in the course of the year. These figures point to steady growth in Church practices, and to an increased sense of responsibility on the part of the Church people for the maintenance of their ministers and Services.

WORK AMONG THE INDIANS.

The Rev. C. F. Lallemand writes from the Gordon Schools, Touchwood Hills:—"We have 32 boarders, some are non-treaty half breeds, they are almost more care than the treaty children, as no one looks after them, and they are growing up in ignorance and vice. For these children we get no permanent grant. The children are beginning to sing very nicely, both in Cree and in English. We have no organ in the school, and only a broken one in the Church, so all they have to sing to is a poor fiddle badly played by me. *I do wish I could get an organ, 50 dols. would buy one.*" (Will no one give anything? only £10 is needed. Mrs. Knight, Eastnor House, Malvern Link, will gladly receive contributions.) "Our dear Bishop Burn strongly endorsed my appeal. Singing is such an important part of our work, and the singing of hymns in Cree is a distinct advance. Little children who only know a few words of English can sing 'For ever with the Lord,' and other hymns in their own language, and they do so like it. We have Cree Service every Sunday afternoon. I read the prayers in Cree, a half-breed reads the lessons in Cree, translating at sight from the English Bible. . . . We want more boys' clothes, especially trousers for boys from 9 to 14 years; strong brown duck we much like. May I ask for women's dresses. We have many poor old people who can earn nothing save by berry picking. They have never worked, and are now too old to learn. I have nothing to give them. . . . Our Church is always full. Some of the heathen Indians have begun to come to the Cree Service. As I was reading the Cree lesson last Sunday (the reader being away) four Indians who had never before been to Church came in. You can imagine how thankful I felt.

"We have good congregations on Wednesday and Friday evenings, and a splendid school on Sunday evening, from 25 to 30, besides our own children. We always finish by singing favourite hymns in Cree, and then talk over and explain our evening prayers.

"We have such sad cases of sickness at present. Fresh beef for beef tea is so hard to get. We have to salt all our meat, as we can only get it once a fortnight."

OPENING OF THE SALTCOATS COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

The Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Territories, the Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, visited Saltcoats officially on September 23, 1895, for the purpose of opening the Hospital, which has been erected through the exertions of the Rev. T. A. Teitelbaum. Very early in the morning the village people were about, giving finishing touches to the decorations, and soon people from the country began to pour in. An escort of mounted police awaited the arrival of the train which brought the Lieutenant-Governor of Saltcoats, and after the band had played the National Anthem, an address of welcome was read and responded to. Many leading residents met His Honour at luncheon at the Vicarage, after which at two o'clock all adjourned to the New Cottage Hospital, a very neat structure, comfortably furnished. On arriving at the front entrance, Mr. Teitelbaum read the following address:—

"To His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the North-West Territories :

"Your petitioners pray: That it may please your Honour to declare this Institution, erected by the residents of this town and country, aided by the generosity and liberal assistance of friends in England and Canada, open as a Hospital for the care of the sick. It is a pleasure for us to ask this favour of your Honour, knowing the deep interest you take in all affairs affecting the welfare of this country. This is the prayer of your humble petitioners."

The Lieutenant-Governor, on coming forward, was warmly applauded. He congratulated Mr. Teitelbaum on what had been accomplished, and spoke of the blessing such an institution would prove to the community at large.

His Honour concluded: "I have the honour of declaring the Saltcoats Cottage Hospital open for the care of the sick, and humbly invoke the blessing of God upon the labours of those employed therein." The Rev. J. S. Chivers, of Yorkton, acting as chaplain, then said prayers, after which the Rev. T. A. Teitelbaum made a speech on the origin of the work and the generosity of those asked to contribute. He had found willing hands indeed in Saltcoats, as well as in the surrounding country. He mentioned the names of many who had greatly assisted the work by such voluntary labour as had been the means of erecting the buildings and reducing the expense. He pointed out how necessary such an institution was—the expense of medical aid, the long felt want of a place for young men who had no relatives in the country to care for them during days of sickness, the distance from Winnipeg,

and the present financial position of the new institution. He sincerely hoped all would co-operate in giving what they could, and rendering all the service in their power. He desired especially to thank Lieutenant-Governor Mackintosh for coming so long a distance, involving many days of tedious travel, to open the Hospital. In conclusion, he wished to remind all those present that they were greatly indebted to friends in Eastern Canada and Great Britain for very substantial aid.

The Hospital being opened, the Governor held a levee in the doctor's office, where over two hundred visitors were presented to him.

At three o'clock a concert took place in the Agricultural Hall, which was largely attended.

In the *Saltcoats Hospital Quarterly* for October last, Mr. Teitelbaum gives a list of "wants and requirements," as follows:—

Present debt on buildings and outstanding accounts	...	£150
Stables for doctor	... ..	30
Fence for the grounds	... ..	12
Material and labour for painting buildings	24
Instruments (surgical, &c.)...	40
Ambulance waggon...	50
Small items	20
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Total	£326

"This amount will enable us to say we have all we need, and all is paid for. It will be a day of great rejoicing when this is accomplished, and we will all look forward to that day with earnest prayer and trust."

An endowment is greatly needed. Mr. Teitelbaum calculates that a capital sum of £2,000 would produce an income which, when supplemented by fees, &c., would be sufficient to carry on the work without anxiety or fear of collapse. It is obvious that if endowment is needed for Hospitals situated in London, the richest capital in the world, it must be far more necessary at Saltcoats, a prairie village, where money is scarce and incomes are precarious.

MISSION WORK AMONG SECTION MEN.

(From "The Western Churchman.")

Qu'Appelle Diocese comprises exactly the province of Assiniboia, and the part herein referred to lies to the extreme south and west. This part of the country is, roughly speaking, entirely unsettled, and is a vast sea of rolling prairie. It is commonly known as the "Dry Belt," being subject to drought and dry winds. Plenty of grass grows as a rule, but the absence of water makes even ranching out of the question. This country is traversed by the Soo or Sault St. Marie railroad, which leaves the C.P.R. main line at Pasqua, near Moosejaw, and runs in a

south-easterly direction to Minneapolis, entering the United States territory at Portal, a small town on the boundary, half Canadian and half American. On this road from Estevan, 25 miles north-west of Portal, to Pasqua, a distance of 145 miles, there is no station, none being required owing to the unsettled and barren state of the country. As the road, however, requires to be kept in order the Company has erected section houses at intervals of 10 to 20 miles, in each of which a staff of railway employés live. The staff usually consists in the summer season of two section foremen, with five or six men under them. A section of the road, usually 10 miles each way from the house, is allotted to the staff or gang. One foreman takes half of the section "hands," and starts out in the morning on his handcar, which is pumped by some of the men, to some faulty spot on his beat. The other foreman does the same, in the opposite direction. They take out their dinner with them, and do not meet again till night.

They lead lonely lives, as may be imagined, in this desolate country, the express rushing past once a day, or an occasional freight train stopping to replenish their water barrels or leave them provisions, are the only breaks in their monotonous lives. Church there is none to attend, and unless the Missionary penetrates their solitude to administer to their spiritual needs they may pass weeks or months without a public Service, or a word spoken to guide and help them in their daily life, or to teach them the first principles of the Christian Faith.

It was with the object of doing such work as this that I undertook the journey in October last through this country, by trail, if trail it can be called. I left Estevan on October 8, and reached Pasqua on the 14th, being six days on the road. A more lonely trip I never took.

From the time of leaving one of the houses in the morning to "making" another at night, nothing was to be seen but a trackless desert, swept continually by high winds, a low line of blue to the far south—the Dirt Hills of Dakota—being the only landmark. The whole country had a short time before been ravaged by prairie fires, so its dreary condition can be imagined. It was sometimes with difficulty that I could find a little patch of dry grass that had escaped the fire for my horse to feed on at noon.

Most of the country is of a "hummocky" description, such as may be seen here and there in small patches in Manitoba. Viewed from the windows of a railroad car by a casual observer when it is covered with grass it may look fair enough, but attempt to drive over it! one might just as well attempt to drive over a town of ant hills; and even going at a walking pace the process is most painful, and hard on both horse and "rig" (Anglicè "trap"). This may be some solution to the railroad traveller of the somewhat unaccountable sight of a trail running in the railroad ditch, almost touching the rails on which his carriage runs, and causing him to wonder what the prairie traveller sees so attractive in such close and dangerous proximity to a road constructed for vehicles of a different mode of locomotion, and one that is usually carefully avoided. The fact is that the soft clay at the bottom of the

railroad ditch, uneven as it is, forms a far better surface for "rigs" to travel over than the "hummocky" prairie. . . .

The houses visited were six in number, and although the Services were of the simplest description they were evidently appreciated, and there was often a greater reverence shown than is sometimes the case on more formal occasions. A chair or two, an old box, or even the foot of a staircase, served for seating accommodation, the kitchen table for prayer desk and pulpit. It was a touching sight to see the rough men in soiled overalls on their knees in prayer, and it was pleasing to see the attention with which they listened to words of explanation, exhortation, and pleading of the simplest kind—in reality a mere talk, and an attempt to bring some of the beauties of the faith and the love of Jesus into the roughness and loneliness of their uncultured lives.

One time a foreigner, who understood little English, had, owing to violent toothache, remained in a distant corner of the room, but for all that joined reverently in the Service. When it was over he came and pressed a "quarter" (*i.e.*, 1s.) into my hand as his contribution to the offertory. The offertories on these occasions were always good—as much as 2.25 dols. (9s.) being sometimes given by a congregation of six or eight men. It was, indeed, a relief, after six days spent in these wild solitudes, to draw near to Pasqua Junction, and a few miles on to the thriving town of Moosejaw, a place with about a thousand inhabitants. This is essentially a railroad town—a divisional point on the C.P.R. There are large repair shops and an engine house, and the numerous and often pretty little brick and stone villas are the residences of railroad employés. The Church is built of brick, and is roomy and well furnished, while a cosy parsonage stands near at hand. I spent a week here, and was able to assist at the Harvest Services, and to enjoy again the convenience and accessories of well-ordered ritual.

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