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*One Rule of Membership*: Daily Prayer for Foreign Missions, including Qu'Appelle.

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.

It is also desirable that they should be present at the Annual Meeting on or in the octave of St. John Baptist's Day, June 24th.

Lists of Members should be sent to the General Secretary by Local Secretaries and Lady Correspondents every January.

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*Receiver of Parcels and Packer.*

Miss MOUNTAIN, 14, Argyle Square, London, W.C.

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Mrs. GRIDDALE, Indian Head, Assa., Canada.

### Directions for Lady Correspondents and Local Secretaries.

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

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

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### 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 the Sister Caroline, Alverton, Truro.

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**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.

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

COLLECTING BOXES FOR THE MISSION, price 4d. and 6d., may be had on application to Miss M. C. Garnier, Banham Rectory, Attleborough, Norfolk.

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

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

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

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

**OCCASIONAL PAPER.**—Application for copies should be made to the Rev. Arthur Krauss, St. Aldhelm's Grange, Branksome, Bournemouth, who can procure back numbers, if required, and to whom notice of change of address should be given.

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

Apply for *Occasional Papers to the Rev. Arthur Krauss, St. Aldhelm's Grange, Branksome, Bournemouth.*

Apply for *Collecting Boxes to Miss M. C. Garnier, Banham Rectory, Attleborough, Norfolk.*

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 Liddell, Welton Vicarage, Daventry.*

## IMPORTANT NOTICES.

*It is requested that all remittances to Messrs. Coultts 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.

The Bishop has appointed as his Commissary in England the Rev. J. Bridger, Rainford Vicarage, St. Helen's, the well-known S.P.C.K. emigration chaplain.

We much regret to give notice that Mrs. Knight, who has for so long and so kindly edited and managed the OCCASIONAL PAPER, is unable to carry on the work. All applications and letters hitherto sent to Mrs. Knight on the business of the OCCASIONAL PAPER should now be addressed to

The Rev. ARTHUR KRAUSS,  
St. Aldhelm's Grange,  
Branksome,  
Bournemouth.

## EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS FROM THE BISHOP.

The BISHOP, writing on September 10th, says:—

“Last Sunday I was at the Whitewood Mission. I arrived there by the C.P. Railway at 1 a.m. At 9.30 we drove out to Forest Farm, about eleven miles north. There we found that since I was there last September they had painted the outside of the Church, which gives it a much more pleasing appearance, as you suddenly come upon it amongst the bluffs of trees. The Church was filled. Eight candidates were confirmed, and there were twenty who communicated; altogether it was a bright, hearty, cheering Service. After a hurried dinner with one of the settlers, an Englishman, who had scarcely any crop because the rain did not come at the right time, we drove in to Whitewood, twelve miles; here we found a congregation already assembled for the Confirmation Service at 3.30. Both here and at Forest Farm one felt that the people were earnestly praying for a special blessing on the candidates. At 7 p.m. we had Evensong, when there were a considerable number who stood round the door and windows because the Church was already crowded. This was one of the earliest Churches built in the Diocese. I am very glad to say that the Church people intend to begin at once the erection of a larger Church which is to be of stone, and is to cost about £400. They have a considerable quantity of stone and a small sum of money in hand, and are hoping to put the foundations in this autumn. The plans are by the same architect who designed the buildings here for Lord Brassey, and are really all that one could desire. I hope that the efforts of the settlers to raise the needful funds may be successful, as a new Church is needed very much.”

The Bishop adds a list of his engagements for the month of October, which include Harvest Thanksgiving Services at Regina and Grenfell, confirmations at Wapella and Moosejaw, the dedication at a new Church at Josephburg, and other services. He concludes: “Other places are asking for an early visit, and then, the long winter. Still it is pleasant to be once more at work.”

The BISHOP also writes that the Rev. B. Barton, of Cannington Manor, has accepted new work in the diocese of Fredericton, and wishes to be relieved of his present responsibility as soon as possible.

He adds, "I do wish we had someone who could effectively take up and carry on the work of the Church there." Cannington is a thoroughly English settlement of considerable importance. Applications of clergy desirous of filling this vacancy should be sent to the Bishop's Commissary, the Rev. J. Bridger.

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### EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS RECEIVED FROM THE DIOCESE.

The Rev. T. A. TEITELBAUM writes from Saltcoats on August 14th. Speaking of the COTTAGE HOSPITAL he says:—"The work is steadily progressing, but we are sadly in need of money. If we could only once get over our present indebtedness and erect the necessary buildings we should have no need of making constant appeals.

"I hope next month to extend our work in this way. During sickness it is almost impossible to obtain the services of a trained nurse. The nurses are not to be had nearer than Winnipeg, a distance of from 200 to 450 miles from any place in our Diocese. Then their charges are altogether beyond the means of our people. A nurse usually demands from fifteen to eighteen dollars (£3 to £3 14s.) per week. I have now obtained the services of one nurse who will go out from our Hospital and do private nursing. She has come to us for the small sum of ten dollars per month. Another nurse has promised to join the staff on the same terms in September. We shall then have two nurses for hospital work and two to send out. We intend charging patients only five dollars per week for their services. Don't you think this should be a great boon to the people? The settlers round here are delighted with the idea. Of course we want more room at the Hospital to accommodate these nurses, as well as to be in a position to take in more patients.

"When I built the Hospital I only provided for *six* patients, and just recently we had *fourteen* at one time. Of course more beds had to be procured, and the nurses' room turned into a ward. I do hope friends in England will help the work. It will be a grand thing to be able to lay down my pen and have no more appeals to write. I have written seven hundred and seventy-five letters in connection with the Hospital since January.



"You would be surprised to see the different nationalities represented at the Hospital, as well as to hear the different languages spoken. During the last three months we have had English, Scotch, Irish, Welsh, Canadians, Americans, Hungarians, Austrians, Bohemians Germans, and Galicians.

"Whenever I can I have a Celebration at the Hospital, but as a rule the staff prefer coming to Church unless we have a patient who is a communicant.

"Mr. Chivers has left Yorkton, and as the vacancy has not yet been filled I have this extra work. Yorkton is twenty miles from here, and having a great deal of driving to do in the south this extra work makes it very hard on me. Just recently we have had a great deal of sickness in this country. Last week I buried a dear young girl whom I prepared for confirmation and married only eighteen months ago. . . . Next Sunday will be quite a red-letter day for our people. The Rev. W. J. Littlehales, Rector of Bulvan, Romford, Essex, who is out here visiting his son, is to preach ; it will be a great pleasure, and I feel like a child, so anxious and eager for the time to come. I have been here nearly ten years, and this is the first time I have had a stranger to preach for me. Of course we have had the visits from our Bishops. . . . Mr. Dobie arranged for a quiet day for the Clergy at Indian Head, conducted by the Rector of Brandon in the diocese of Rupertsland ; owing to the amount of sickness in the district I did not feel justified in leaving. Canon Liddell kindly sends me the *Church Times* and the *Spectator*, but I should so like to get a few illustrated papers for the Hospital."

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The REV. W. NICOLLS writes from Medicine Hat on September 15th :—

"The Bishop has returned and taken up his residence at Indian Head. He hopes to visit this place on October 24th, going out to Josephburg to consecrate the little Church there on October 23rd. I am afraid it will be very cold for the long drive, over thirty-five miles, and he probably has not had much of that sort of thing for a long time. The people out there held a little sale of work last Monday, with some things of their own and some from England. I could not

go out, and so shall not hear the result until Saturday, as the mail is weekly. People are beginning to settle north of here in the Red Deer district, and this will mean opening a mission next spring. Eighty miles is the nearest settlement." Writing about the Indian School Mr. Nicolls says: "We have decided to leave it until the spring. At the very last before letting the contract in August I was strongly advised that the money would be wasted if I finished it as proposed; upon consideration this became evident. The concrete has to be pulled out of the framing and the whole outside boarded and finished. I have just enough money in hand to finish the building, with this additional expense, which was not in view when I started to arrange for its completion; this would not leave a cent for furnishing. So with the probable prospect of something from the Marriott bequest through the S.P.G. it was thought wiser to wait. If I had finished and not occupied the material would only have spoiled. I suppose everything will come all right some day. The monies are in the hand of Judge Wetmore, the Treasurer of the Diocese.

"Mr. Pratt who was reading here until last spring is still at Estevan doing good work, and I fancy may be there all winter, unless the Bishop gets more men. . . ."

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The following extract will be read with interest; it is from a letter from the Rev. A. C. Kettle:—

*"Fishing Lake, N.W.T., Canada.*

"We do get some odd people out here—the last addition to the population is some 1,000 or more Galicians; they came from the N.E. of Austria, and are brought out by the Government; they wear delightful rough linen garments and great skin coats, all made by themselves, and strange high boots. They belong to the Greek Church and are very devout. I saw in front of one of their houses a great cross of rough wood just as one might see abroad. One day as I was travelling I gave some of them lunch, and when I suggested saying grace, they stood up and said a most lengthy grace aloud with frequent crossings. I went to the emigrant shed where they are put on first arrival; when they understood that I was a priest they immediately

seized my hand and covered it with kisses—some kiss once, and others kiss once and then bow, so that their foreheads come on one's hand, and then kiss again ; some after one kiss turn one's hand and kiss the other side ; but though methods differ, all agree in kissing, men and women and little children. Apparently they have no priest of their own with them at all. I do wish we could do something for them.

. . . . I baptized one of their children, and they were to have come to Service the next day (St. Peter's Day), but at the time appointed they were not there. I went to see what was wrong, and gathered that it was the great clothes difficulty ; they had not got their Sunday clothes ; so I went back disappointed, but at the end of the Service they began to come, and I found that I had made a mistake, they were only waiting to get themselves washed and tidied up. However, into the Church they trooped, everyone kissing my hand as he or she passed. They had no use for bench or stool, but knelt or stood in the aisle and muttered their prayers and crossed themselves repeatedly ; the priest in charge gave them his blessing and let them go."

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### PARISH NEWS.

(From the *Church Messenger* and the *Grenfell Parish Magazine*).

GRENFELL.—On Wednesday, August 4th, there were special services for the opening of the new Chancel. Several of the Diocesan Clergy assisted. The first Service was of course the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, which took place at 8 a.m. The Rev. J. P. Sargent was the Celebrant. The office of Mattins was said at 10.30 a.m., and Evensong was sung at 8 p.m. The first procession was the hymn "*The Church's One Foundation*," and the Rev. T. C. Williams, of Moosomin, preached from the eighth verse of Psalm xxvi. The Service, which was bright and hearty throughout, was concluded by singing the hymn "*For all the Saints*," as a procession. The organ was played by Mr. Barford of Qu'Appelle, who kindly gave his services for the day. The Chancel is a great improvement to the Church. It not only gives more room but it increases the beauty of the Church. They hope to be able to place stained glass in the windows, but at present have to be content with "glacier." They hope also to obtain Altar rails and a pulpit ; for these things however they must wait.

Donations to the amount of fifty dollars are announced in the parish magazine, as well as gifts from the Grenfell people, consisting of a dossal, sanctuary lamp, matting for the Church, glacier for the windows, sanctuary carpet and a lectern.

What is known as the "Envelope System" for collecting for the Clergy stipend has been started at Grenfell. This system of collecting consists in the donors placing donations of a certain promised amount in the offertory each Sunday. In many places it works well, and it is to be hoped that at Grenfell it will have its full share of success.

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INDIAN HEAD.—Through the kindness of Miss Lewthwait, and with the consent of the Executive Committee of the Diocese, the sum of money given to the Diocese for special purposes by the late Rev. G. Lewthwait, has been transferred to Indian Head, so that they are now in a position to purchase the tubular bells for which they have patiently waited. It is hoped that the bells may be in the Church before the winter, but as they have to be sent from England the date of their arrival is somewhat uncertain.

The Rev. McAdam Harding, Rector of Brandon, exchanged duties with Mr. Dobie on August 8th, and on the 11th Mr. Harding conducted a quiet day for the clergy in St. John's Church. Unfortunately the date was not suitable for all the clergy, and it was somewhat disappointing that more of them could not attend. Those who were fortunate enough to be present were much helped by the addresses given. Mr. Harding gave three addresses, his subjects being (1) Alone with GOD; (2) Salvation; (3) Union with GOD.

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MAPLE CREEK.—The departure of Mrs. White-Fraser, who has acted as organist and has done much to beautify the Church at Maple Creek, is recorded.

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SUMNER.—On August 15th the public hall was burned to the ground. The fire was first discovered by Mr. L. Sumner, but it had gained so fierce a hold on the building that he could save nothing. The hall was built some twelve years ago by the settlers that they might have a place where services could be held as well as other meetings.

According to the agreement the Church was to have the first claim on the hall for Sunday services. The little hall was the pride of the settlement, and travellers spoke of its architectural beauty and neatness wherever they went. It has been decided to make an effort to build another hall in the settlement, and friends at a distance who knew the old building have been asked to help in replacing this severe loss. Sumner is now without a place in which to hold services; we can only hope that this will not long be the case.

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FORT QU'APPELLE.—On August 11th, the day of the Agricultural Show, the members of the Women's Guild were extremely successful in their endeavours to raise money for Church purposes. A sale of work was of course the chief item in their programme, but in addition to this, refreshments and meals were provided at a small charge. In the evening a concert was provided in the Town Hall which was well filled; the various items of the programme were thoroughly appreciated by the audience. During the day the sum of 203 dollars (£40 12s.); the expenses amounted to 30 dollars only.

On July 28th the annual parish picnic was held at Katepwa. As far as enjoyment went it was a great success. Everything that could be done to entertain was done, and the spot where the picnic was held was in every way as near perfection as possible. The band from the Industrial School was present and played remarkably well, and very frequently most of the children of the Fort Sunday School contrived to get down in one way or another, and a load of about twelve was taken down in a large "democrat" by the Vicar. Unfortunately the date fixed was a little late, and farmers were busy with their hay, so the attendance was not so good as last year. The expenses were heavy, but a balance of seven and a half dollars was passed to the credit of the Church Debt Fund.

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## WORK AMONG THE INDIANS.

The following extracts from a letter from the Rev. Owen Owens, who is in charge of St. Andrew's Mission, Fort Pelly, will be read with great interest. Mr. Owens writes on September 25th :—

The great majority of the Christian half-breeds are Christians in truth ; and are living their faith according to their light quite as honestly as any of a similar class in England or anywhere. I am aware that some men will persist in comparing these people to their disadvantage with a class of English Christians who have been always under the high ideals of a civilization and Christianity centuries old. No similar influence has been at work upon these people. A very large number of the half-breeds are quite illiterate ; and have had as many, and perhaps more, inducements to do wrong than right. Four-fifths of our communicants at our Indian Missions are half-breeds who have been all their lives in contact with heathen Indians. The half-breeds as a class have been, and still are, a great help to those whose work it is to educate both them and their heathen kinsfolk. It is true that there are bad half-breeds who are as thorns in the sides of all who wish to do good amongst the Indians. Perhaps, too, the worst of them are not quite illiterate. It is also true that the worst sons of Nebat in this country have not been all half-breeds nor illiterates.

All the girls who have left Gordon's school, with one exception, deserve commendation rather than censure. They have not fallen back into heathen ways, and they do not, of their own accord, attend heathen dances and feasts. If being the children of heathen parents, they are compelled to witness these heathen orgies in their own homes, that surely is their great misfortune and not their faults.

On the other hand, the homes to which the girls have returned have been converted from dirty hovels into a degree of cleanliness very creditable to girls. From every point of view the effect of Boarding School training is even more permanent and more far reaching with the girls than with the boys. Napoleon's saying about mothers should be borne in mind.

Some of the boys, after they leave school, become restless and unsatisfactory for a while—visiting Indian dances, &c.—but before long they settle down to regular work and habits.

The readers of the OCCASIONAL will be glad to know that after over ten years of work at Gordon's School and Mission, and a year and a half here in similar work, I can confidently say that our Indian work is progressive and hopeful. The people, whether Indians or half-breeds, are deserving of all that we can do for their advancement. Our most efficient method is certainly the Boarding School for the young. Nothing will discharge our obligations to these people whose country we inhabit sooner than caring for their children. But we must have means for the work, and above all we must have men and women who will be contented to plod on year after year, though the results of their work may often appear to be very small, and sometimes seem lacking altogether. The men who expect to convert all in a few months, or who expect to turn out perfect boys and girls out of our schools, are sure to be disappointed and become disheartened. Our motto should be:—

“ Let us, still, be up and doing,  
With a heart for any fate ;  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labour, *and to wait.*”

This Mission seems to have been forgotten by the speakers on Indian work at the meeting of the Qu'Appelle Association. I shall therefore ask for space to remind your readers that St. Andrew's Indian Mission, Fort Pelly, is still in existence. We need a Boarding School here too. The needs of the children are the same as at Touchwood Hills. For about a third of the whole year many of the parents of our pupils are far away hunting, and take their children with them. We have a Church and two Services every Sunday, and Evensong on Wednesdays. Thanks to the good work of Mr. Dee and Miss Dee, there is a small surpliced choir who sing very well.

The advantages of having a Boarding School in close proximity to the Church cannot easily be overstated. Regular attendance at Church in boyhood and girlhood will have a more permanent influence on the man and woman than we are accustomed to acknowledge. I see but small hope of getting the Boarding School, as the Diocese has no money, and the Indian Department are busy cutting down expenses all round. But so long as I am here, neither the Diocese nor the Department can expect much peace until they supply funds for this, the best of all means for benefiting the Indian child in body and soul.

There are over forty communicants on our roll here ; and about thirty-five on the roll at St. Luke's, Touchwood Hills. All these people are in their way truly grateful to their more fortunate fellow Christians for keeping the Services of the Church going amongst them. The offertories at both Missions are steadily increasing, but it will be many years before they can maintain their own pastors and their own schools without outside help.

I am both pastor and school teacher here. There is plenty of work for two men—a school teacher and Missionary. Our Church members are spread over an area of about twelve miles square, apart from one out-station thirty miles away. It will be seen therefore that one cannot do much in such a place. I am not aware that it is the custom in any Diocese, save ours, to combine the two offices of Missionary and school teacher in one person. But what can be done if we have no funds? If you will allow me, I will suggest just one thing for our friends' consideration. I should like to ask them to so divide their labour and their contributions, that a definite amount may be available for Indian work. I feel sure that such division could be done without decreasing the amount for general work. I for one will do all I can to give those interested every information on the subject of Indian work which may be in my power to give.

I see that the S.P.G. threaten to reduce their annual grant to this Diocese. This seems to me almost incredible. I should think that the action of the C.M.S. would furnish the S.P.G. with an object lesson. The C.M.S. has spent the money of the Church in this country to convert hundreds of Indians into Christians. They know very well that they have not converted half of the total number of heathen. To-day they are gradually leaving these flocks of converts in the wilderness to take care of themselves, or to be divided, between the Romanists who are always ready for them, or the sects who are also on hand ; and, what is still worse, they may relapse for sheer want of spiritual ministrations into their old ways. Look where you will in this Diocese to-day, you will see many of the converts of the C.M.S. in all the Reserves, but they are now, most of them, Romanists, Presbyterians, or Methodists. Many, of course, would prefer their first love, but she is now indifferent to them. It must not be forgotten that these converts were always, and are now, willing to contribute according



to their means towards the ministrations of the Church, and are helping to maintain other Missions in some degree. The C.M.S. are concerned with Indian Missions chiefly, and the S.P.G. with the Colonists. If the S.P.G. really mean to leave Qu'Appelle, even partially, the result will be almost identical with what I have pictured above, only far more reaching in the extent of hardship inflicted upon the Church. It is true that a few places may be left to take care of themselves now; but for every one so able there will be for some years two new centres of population craving the Bishop's help.

During this summer I have met many people in North-Eastern Assiniboia who are Churchmen, but who very seldom see a clergyman during the whole year without going fifteen or twenty miles to Services. Many of them do go as often as they can. The Clergy also cover an almost incredible amount of ground in the course of the year. I should like to ask the Rev. F. Wells Johnson of Fort Qu'Appelle, the Rev. A. C. Kettle of Fishing Lake, and the Rev. T. A. Teitelbaum of Saltcoats to let you know the number of miles each one of them has travelled on duty, other than by railway, during the past year. Their total number of stations and Services of all kinds would be also very interesting information. It would prove to your readers that Qu'Appelle is in need of more Clergy rather than less. Again, if a census of the ages of the settlements, and the number of years each Church member has been resident in the country could be made, it would then be seen that the settlements are mostly in their initial stages, and the Church members practically only beginning life. It is not necessary to say that at the beginning each settler is only laying down the foundation of a future living, and that a tithe on all his earnings would be often less than they contribute now. I am well aware that there are Churchmen in the Diocese who seem to expect to have the Services of the Church as free here as they were to them in their parish Churches with their rich endowments in the old country. But I believe that their numbers are small, and that even they, when they are brought to face the facts, will grasp the situation and discharge their duty like men.

Matters would be very much simplified if all our Churchmen were in settlements by themselves instead of being scattered over the whole country. The Church in Eastern Canada is not rich, and has her ever-increasing obligations in the shape of new Missionary parishes in the

backwoods to support, so that our proportion of aid from them must for years be very small. On the other hand the sects in Canada are comparatively rich and able to contribute liberally towards their North-West Missions. Often a preacher will visit regularly settlements where Churchmen are as numerous as Nonconformists, and where Church of England services are never held because we have nobody to hold them. The staff of the Diocese, including all our Lay Readers, is not enough for all the Churches and out stations now open.

A decrease of the S.P.G. grant, then, must greatly retard the advance of the Church in the care of her widely scattered flock in this Diocese.

We all hope and pray that we shall not be left till we can stand on our own feet better and more securely than now ; even though this is a golden year all over the country, "One swallow does not make summer," neither will one prosperous year make this Diocese rich, because as the country prospers, and prosper it will, new settlements bringing new calls for help will continue to be established ; and until the self-supporting Churches are in the majority the Diocese cannot, without outside help, carry on her Missions as she ought.

Yours faithfully,

OWEN OWENS.

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### NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE.

The following extract from a private letter from a member of the North-West Mounted Police may perhaps be interesting to our readers. It was written by a young man who was at one time a lay-reader in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle and an active Sunday School teacher, till he left the Diocese and joined the mounted police force. For some time after he joined the force he was stationed in various parts of the Diocese, and though unable to assist in Church work as an office-bearer, he endeavoured to do all he could in the parish in which he was stationed. He has lately been stationed near to Calgary, one of the chief posts of the police force :—

"I wonder if you happened to see in the papers any account of the floods which visited the eastern slopes of the mountains this summer.

A long spell of rainy weather in June, followed by a sudden cloud burst in the mountains, caused the rivers and creeks to rise several feet in a very few hours, doing a terrible amount of damage to ranchers living near the rivers, and especially to railway property. Nearly every bridge, traffic and railway, over the Bow was swept away or seriously damaged between Calgary and Banff, a distance of over eighty miles. I rode out from Calgary the day before returning to my depôt ; I stayed overnight at Okotoko, a small village on the line to McLeod, as I could not accomplish the distance in one day. The next day I left there for Ings, and crossed the traffic bridge over Sheep Creek at 10 a.m. At 11 a.m. the same bridge was carried away, so I was none too soon in crossing it. It was a tremendous sight to see these creeks, which, as a rule, can be easily forded on horseback, converted in a few hours into raging torrents that literally carried everything before them. Fully a fortnight elapsed before the rivers could be forded with safety, and I am sorry to say the floods were not unattended with loss of life.

“Duty in the Post is pretty stiff at present, and is likely to remain so for some time unless more recruits are taken on and the present reduction of the force stopped. The total strength of the force at present is only 650 all told, of whom 100 are either in or on their way to those gold fields lately discovered near Alaska. The route to the Yukon at present is the sea route *via* Vancouver, but next year the Canadian-Pacific Railroad intend extending the Calgary and Edmonton Road as far as Athabasca Landing, which will open up an overland route. If that is the case, police depôts will be posted all along the line of route. I went to Church last Sunday for the first time for fully eight months. It was nice to join in the Church's Service again. I intend going again to-night if I can get off duty in time.”

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