

certain canticles. Why not have a change now and then? That either the Benedictus or the Magnificat should ever be omitted (save in the one instance when they occur in the lesson of the day) is a terrible mutilation of the office. They are the "Gospel" Canticles and the pivots around which the whole of the morning and evening prayers centre. We would here express our wish that the solemn meaning of the words was more fully realized by congregations and to this end we are always careful to have them sung to a plain, easy chant and at a dignified pace, somewhat slower than the psalms and other canticles. The Te Deum should only be omitted during Lent and Advent, it being too joyous a tone for the season, the rest being only altered in the instance quoted above. We would suggest to the worshippers at St. Mary's who have either pianos or harmoniums in their homes that they should learn the hymns for the season, as they come round, as also of the Saints' Days; our prayer book will show us when the latter occur. We should then feel the better able to join in the hymnody when we meet together in God's house. We are all very grateful to Miss Fisher for her untiring zeal as organist, and it is much to be wished that she had a better instrument under her hands. Perhaps we shall be able to see our way to doing something in this direction before long, though we have grave objections to running into debt for church material.

On Friday the 17th inst. Mrs. Peatt, the mother of our much esteemed church warden, passed away. He and all his family have the full sympathy of all the parish in their bereavement. The funeral took place at St. Mary's, on Monday the 20th inst., and was very largely attended by many ready to show their respects for her who had been called away. The impressive burial office is not often heard in that sanctuary, and the gathering at the graveside is not likely to be forgotten by any who attended. R. J. P.

ST. PAUL'S, NANAIMO.

The Rector writes as follows:—

The late disastrous explosion in the Wellington Colliery sadly, for a time, upset the ordinary course of mining operations in the District, throwing a gloom over the community at large, placing so many families in sorrow, suspending employment, and creating a general feeling of distrust and dissatisfaction on all sides. Now we are thankful to say things have righted themselves to a great extent; the Chinese have been expelled from the underground workings; all the Companies are running with daily in-