

of the Diocese of Selkirk. Mr. F. F. Fewelling, of Wycliffe College, Toronto, has also been accepted for the same diocese. This is now the most north-westerly diocese in the Dominion. Bishop Bompas has been working in North-Western Canada since 1865, and was made Bishop in 1874. Since then, as the number of missionaries increased, and the original vast diocese was divided and re-divided, Bishop Bompas has kept on steadily retiring farther and farther to the North-West. He has at present only one clergyman in the diocese, the Ven. Archdeacon Canham, at Rampart House. Mrs. Canham is the sister of the Rev. C. A. French, of Lombardy, Ont. The area of the diocese is about 200,000 square miles, with a population of about 6000.

Of late years the discovery of gold has attracted quite a number of miners to the country. Besides these there are many Indians who, up to the present have had only occasional visits from a missionary, or no teaching at all. The route by which the country is reached is roundabout. A steamer leaves San Francisco some time in May for the mouth of the Yucon, and another steamer goes up the Yucon about twice a year. The journey from Montreal is seven thousand miles. There is another route more direct, but very difficult and dangerous, viz : over the Chilkoot pass, and down the river in open boat. Freight rates are heavy, about fifteen cents per pound. For a man going to live there, not much of an outfit is needed, but there are many things which could be made use of, *e. g.*, tracts, booklets, books, stories, games, &c. The mining operations are carried on in the short summer. There is a long winter in which there must be many idle hours for the men, and in the winter much could be done by any one who had a few simple things with which to interest them.

The climate is severe, the thermometer ranging from about 110° to — 70°, but it is dry and bracing, and is said to be healthy even for those who are not the most robust.

There is an Indian language to be learnt, and probably the first year will be devoted to the mastery of it.

Bishop Bompas has published two little books on Life in these Northern regions "Diocese of Mackenzie River" in the the Colonial Church Histories series of the S. P. C. K. and "Northern Lights on the Bible."

Bishop Bompas says that "in respect to dress very little change of clothing is needful from that usual in Europe. By a benign arran-