

ocean, he closed with an eloquent and appropriate sermon which was listened to with great pleasure and edification by all present. In the evening His Lordship again preached a most eloquent sermon, his text being Deut. 16, verses 16 and 17. The musical parts of the services were splendidly rendered by the choir, and many were the congratulations offered to the organist, Mr. James Brown, and the conductor, Mr. H. Le Jeune, that through their efforts the choir was again getting into the high class position which the choir of this church has for some years past occupied. The rector is to be felicitated upon the beautiful services he had on Sunday, and for the hearty manner in which he was supported by the congregation and choir.—On Monday evening Sept. 27th, a reception was given to the Bishop, and Mrs. and Miss Grisdale, in the school room, which had been swept and garnished and very nicely and tastefully decorated by the ladies of the congregation, under the presidency of Miss Rigby. A very large number were present, not only from St. Paul's, but from several of the other congregations in town, and a most enjoyable evening was spent with songs, music on organ and piano, and of course a large amount of "talking," and last, but not least, some "creature comforts" in the way of tea, coffee, cakes, etc. His Lordship made a most favorable impression, and all interested in this Diocese look forward to a bright and prosperous future.—(Communicated.)

#### Diocese of McKezize River.

Bishop—Rt. Rev. W. D. Reeve, D.D.  
Residence—Fort Simpson.

We are indebted to Mr. R. D. Richardson for a perusal of a most interesting and valuable letter which he has just received from Mr. Whittaker, who is working among the Indians at Peel River. Unfortunately we are unable to give the letter in full; but a few extracts will be of interest to our readers.

"The Peel river is the most northerly of the Hudson's Bay Company's trading posts; it is in fact about 100 miles within the Arctic Circle, and a little greater distance from the frozen ocean. Many maps show the post as Fort McPherson. Going down the Mackenzie by steamer, we turn sharply to the left and ascend Peel river about 35 miles, coming to a high bank on our left, on which are seen some half a dozen houses, some warehouses, and a church. Our situation here is perhaps 70 feet above the river at ordinary level, but during the break-up in the spring the water sometimes rises nearly to our feet. The river is about half a mile wide between banks, and looking across it we see a line of evergreen woods of the sombre shade, to which the lighter green of the light-leaved willow undergrowth makes a pleasant contrast. Beyond the woods rise the brown foothills of the Rockies, surmounted here and there by snow-capped peaks in the blue distance. The houses are all made of hewn logs, plastered inside and out with white clay, and most of them are roofed with bark peeled off from the spruce. The house in which we live at present, Archdea-

con McDonald's house, is a typical one. It is 40 feet by 24, facing the river, and about 30 feet from the bank. There is a hall through the middle, and two rooms in each end of the house, making two bedrooms, a sitting room and a dining room. In the last we also have school, hold service during the cold weather, and receive the natives, both Indians and Huskies. Our bedrooms, being well warmed, also serve for study. There is also a kitchen, but during the winter the greater part of the cooking is done on the big box stove in the dining room. Mr. Stringer's house is also made of logs, but on a different plan.....We have no domestic animals, except dogs, which are to us in the place of horses. The Indians make their pack load in summer, but ours work only in winter. We have two teams of dogs each, which are driven tandem. They are used for hauling wood and ice, meat and fish, and numerous other duties, besides long trips every winter to the coast and return. Dogs trained to haul are valued at \$10 to \$13 each. The one important event of the year is the arrival of the company's steamer "Wrigley," that our reckoning dates from that time. She comes about July 10, at which time the Indians and Huskies are here, trading their winter hunt of furs. Our heaviest mail of the year comes then, and as the boat remains about two days, we have time to reply to the most pressing only of our letters; the great bulk of them being held over and answered by the winter packet. Almost immediately upon the steamer's leaving, the Indians go for the summer, and the Huskies return to their homes on the Arctic coast, and at once begin

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