

with him the holy vessels given for use in the Church by Canon Osler, of York Mills, Toronto.

Diocese of Saskatchewan.

Bishop—Right Rev. C. Pinkham, D.D., D.C.L.
Residence—Calgary.

BATTLEFORD INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.—The February entertainment passed off with marked success, one of the best items on the programme being undoubtedly the play "Cinderella," acted entirely by the Kindergarten children. They were very prettily dressed and did their parts well. The characters were as follows: Josephine (Mother), Alice and Mary (Proud sisters), Maggie (Fairy-godmother), Carrie (Cinderella), and Philip Armstrong (The Prince). In addition, there was a chorus, consisting of some 20 little ones. Mr. and Mrs. Loughheed came on in the characters of Mr. and Mrs. Bowser, who are evidently somewhat at variance; they provoked much laughter, and were roundly applauded at the close. There were six recitations on the list, Miss Weightman being first with "The Last Hymn," her effort being distinctly good; the others to recite were Robert Thomas, Benjamin Dakota, Fred. Ballentine, David Clarke and little Jack Moosomin. Mr. J. R. Michael, of piccolo fame, contributed two songs in first-class style, the second being loudly encored, to which he replied with "Sweet Marie." The "negro" sketch by Mr. Hull and Mr. Long was, as might be expected, extremely funny, and, moreover, really well done. So far we have not mentioned the chorus songs, of which there were four, but we have no intention of ignoring them, for the "Mulligan Guards," sung by Mr. Hull and the boys, was certainly the "catch" of the evening; the boys were dressed in military uniforms, each carrying a rifle. The girls sang, "Queen of the Meadow," and with the boys, "Paddle Your Own Canoe," both being much appreciated by the audience. The proceedings closed by singing "God Save the Queen," and all went home feeling that a most enjoyable evening had been spent.

—(Communicated.)

Diocese of Moosonee.

Bishop—Right Rev. J. Newnham, D. C. L.

An appeal has been made for funds to build a small Church at Missanibie, Diocese of Moosonee, where there is an Indian congregation, whose only place of worship at present is a small log house, which is not large enough for the number to be accommodated. The people themselves can only help a little in work and money, but it is thought that about \$300 would be sufficient with what they can do. It is thought that Bishop Newnham will have to make a tour on behalf of his Diocese next summer. The book of the Bishop's sister, Miss Newnham, "Life at Moose Fort," gives a bright and vivid picture of mission work in that far-off station. It is stated that the Diocese of Moosonee is the largest in area in the world.

Diocese of New Westminster.

Bishop—Right Rev. J. Dart, D.D., D.C.L.
Residence—See House, New Westminster.

QUESNELLE.—In a recent issue of The Western Churchman, we discussed the question of lay-readers, and stated that in many places there is a decided objection to this very useful order. We cull the following letter from the British Columbia Church Record, as showing that there are good grounds for some of the statements we then made:

Mr. Richard Parkinson sends a few lines from Quesnelle, which are interesting, and show another great district in need of the spiritual ministration of the Church. He writes:—"I have been licensed as lay reader and have been reading the services in Quesnelle since the middle of November, but I am now practically ousted by the Presbyterian element, who possess the sinews of war to a greater extent than we Anglicans, and so have succeeded in getting a minister sent up by the Presbytery. This is most unfortunate, as hitherto Cariboo has been in the fold of the Church, the children have all been christened by either Bishop Sillitoe or Mr. Brookes, but now the people are disgusted at what they call being neglected by the Church, and say they ought to support the Presbyterians, who have thought enough of them to send a clergyman to them. It is in vain that I tell them of the poverty of the Diocese, and suggested that if they had really cared for the Church a contribution of money which they never would have felt would have secured them a clergyman long ago. Several people have told me that 'they have no use for lay readers,' so the situation is very peculiar."

ST. JAMES', VANCOUVER.—The St. James' Ladies Aid Society, which was formed in February, 1896, with the object of helping the funds for St. James' parish, has now ended its first year. The society started with 29 members, and has slightly increased during the year. Each member subscribes 25 cents a month and undertakes to make as much money as she can. Monthly meetings are held at one of the members' houses.

During the year \$891.10 have been made: \$692.50 by entertainments, including \$478 made at the Summer Carnival Fair, \$102 by members' work, and \$96.60 by subscriptions. Out of this, \$568.65 has been paid to the church wardens for arrears of taxes and a fence round the Church grounds. The society is now working for the Organ Fund, towards which they have \$256.25. There are at present 34 members, but more are wanted, and any ladies of the congregation who have the welfare of St. James' parish at heart cannot show their interest better than by joining and working for this society, so that the second year may be even more successful than the first. It is perhaps well to remind members that the main object of the society is to work, and to ask all who have leisure to try and make a little money each week. Miss Rogers, as secretary, and Mrs. Skrive, as treasurer, have been untiring in their interest, and the success of the society is mainly due to their efforts.