

INVERMAY.—Rev. Rural Dean Cooper was visited a short time ago at his residence, at Invermay, by a surprise party with an abundance of good things to eat, and a load of handsome furniture, amongst which was an easy chair, presented by the ladies.

MITCHELL.—Rev. E. F. Wilson, the founder of the Indian Schools at Sault Ste. Marie, lectured in Trinity Church on Monday evening last. He has recently returned from the Northwest, and is accompanied by a little Indian boy in native costume, which he brought back with him from that country.

Fading Leaves.—"We all do fade as a leaf," was the subject of a discourse delivered on Sunday morning in Trinity Church, by Rev. J. Ridley, the Rector. At this season of the year the theme was most appropriate, and was handled with the gentleman's usual clearness and ability. Referring to the shortness of life he said there were 260 families connected with the Church in this place, and from a reference to the registrar he found that during the past eleven years 140 of the number died, and that 134 were buried in Trinity Church burying grounds! This is a large percentage of the whole, and shows that the allotted time of man here below, is but short indeed.

SARNIA.—The Sarnia Observer had the following paragraph: "An effort will be made by the St. Jude's congregation, of Brantford, to get Rev. Mr. Davis to that city. The rev. gentleman, who was removed to Sarnia some years ago, was very popular in Brantford—*London Free Press*. Its all right to make the effort; but the reverend gentleman is too well liked here to be let go."

The concert given in the town hall Thursday night by the ladies of St. George's Church was good. There was quite a large audience. Dr. Hartmann rendered two solos on the flute, and each time received an enthusiastic encore. The singing of Miss Forsyth and Mr. Slocum was much admired, and the home talent part of the programme was well given. The amount realized was \$125.

CORUNNA.—The Lord Bishop of Huron attended service and preached in Christ Church Sunday afternoon. The congregation which greeted His Lordship was immense, and as attentive as it was possible to be. The service was conducted by the Revs. T. R. Davis, M.A., of Sarnia; J. Homes, one of the former incumbents of the Church, and Dr. Armstrong.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

THE BISHOP OF ALGOMA'S VISIT TO PORT ARTHUR AND THE THUNDER BAY DISTRICT.—(Concluded.)—On Saturday, the 5th Sept., the Bishop and Incumbent walked out to inspect the cemetery, about a mile from the church, on the Dawson road; a road now become historic as the one travelled by Colonel (now Lord) Wolseley and his men on their way to Fort Garry in 1870. In the evening the Bishop met the churchwardens and congregation at the parsonage for the discussion of parochial matters. The Treasurer reported the condition of the debt on the church, &c., which is being steadily reduced, and no doubt was entertained as to its extinction by the time of the Bishop's next visit; so that the consecration of St. John's church, the largest in Algoma, is confidently looked forward to as the great item of interest in 1886.

For some years past the Thunder Bay Mission has received an annual grant of £50 stg., from S.P.G. The Bishop gave notice (which was cordially accepted by the clergyman and people) that this grant will cease on the first of January next. The proposal, made last spring, which gave much pleasure to all friends of Algoma, to erect Port Arthur into a self-supporting, independent parish, was talked over, and the opinion was unanimous that laudable and

creditable as the movement was, it was undoubtedly premature. The extinction of the debt on the church, the payment for some considerable and very necessary repairs to the parsonage, and the assumption of the £50 above mentioned would give, it was concluded, quite enough to Port Arthur to do until the next episcopal visit.

On Sunday morning the Bishop preached and officiated at the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, accompanied by the clergyman, he drove to and preached at the Town Plot, Neebing, where the Church of England service is held on alternate Sundays in the Presbyterian Church. Of this place and its urgent needs, more will shortly be made known to the well-wishes of this missionary diocese. In the evening the Bishop again preached at Port Arthur to a crowded congregation. On Monday morning he left the town on a freight or supply train for Red Rock, but after travelling about fifteen miles the engine gave signs of feebleness, so that with difficulty a return to Port Arthur was effected. On Tuesday, another engine having been procured, the Bishop once more left this mission on his way to the wilderness around Lake Nepigon to visit the Indian Mission there.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER.

THE BISHOP'S CARIBOO JOURNEY.

We have already referred to the Bishop's journey up to his arrival at Barkerville, on the 30th of July. During his stay there, until Tuesday, the 11th of August, he had no lack of interesting occupation. Matins and Evensong were of course said daily in the very pretty, well-fitted church, with, on Tuesdays and Fridays, an address after Evensong. On the first Sunday and the following Thursday there was early celebration of the Holy Communion, and on the second Sunday, for the convenience of those living at a distance, a celebration after Matins. On Saturday evening, 1st of August, the Bishop gave a special address to those who proposed to communicate the following day, and after this, and also on the Sunday following he held a conference with the lay reader and church officers on matters which had occurred during the past year, and regarding others as to which they desired advice and guidance. The wish of the parishioners to have a resident Priest to minister to Barkerville, Quesnelle and Stanley, and the several mining creeks, was strongly urged. The subject was very thoroughly discussed, but there was a general concurrence of opinion that at present this cannot be. It was shown that, willing as the parishioners are to contribute liberally according to their means, they could not, in the present depressed state of the mining industry, provide more than \$500 to \$600 per annum, whilst a clergyman would require, where the means of living are so expensive, at least \$1,200 for his maintenance; the general mission fund, being unable to meet its present engagements, could much less give any aid. The services so regularly and well conducted by Mr. Stone, the lay reader licensed by the Bishop, had been throughout the year well attended, the number of the congregation being seldom less than 35. The choir had been diligent in practice and regular in attendance. With such an existing element of zeal and Churchmanship, it may well be conceived that it was a grief to the Bishop to be unable to comply with the wish of the congregation. They show themselves grateful for his annual visit and for such privileges as they have. May God, who can work by small means equally as by great, bless these means to this parish, and give them grace to persevere in all well doing. On Sunday, the 2nd August, there was a baptism at the evening service,

and on the 9th a confirmation at the morning service. During the stay of the Bishop everything possible was done for the comfort of him and his companions, and they take this opportunity of expressing their especial acknowledgments for the kindness and hospitality shown them.

A visit was paid to a gold washing claim, to witness the Saturday night "wash-up" of the preceding four days' operations. To the writer it appeared as though the vigorous stirring and raking of mud and gravel must result in the gold being washed away with it; but eventually a residuum of gold nuggets was seen at the bottom and adhering to the trough. The result of the "wash-up" was, on this occasion, exceptionally good, yielding between 30 and 40 ounces of nuggets, some as large as a bean, one of which was presented to the writer. It is a general belief that gold exists in rich quantities in the quartz ledges which are found throughout the district, but capital is needed for prospecting and for the necessary gold extracting machinery, and also better means of communication for bringing in supplies and machinery, the transport of which is now very costly.

On Sunday, the 9th August, after evening service, a meeting of communicants was held in the church, at which the Bishop submitted a scheme for the formation of a Communicants' Guild for the Diocese of New Westminster, with branches in the several parishes, having for its object—

- 1st. The cultivation of sympathy amongst Churchmen of the Diocese.
- 2nd. The deepening of spiritual life in individuals.

The Bishop entered into an explanation regarding the object of the Guild and its obligations. After consultation it was resolved that a branch of the Guild be formed at St. Saviour's, Barkerville, under the title of "The Guild of the Blessed Sacrament," and that the manual drawn up by the Bishop be approved, subject to such modifications as may be found expedient when submitted to a general council of other parishes. Mr. Stone, the lay reader, was elected to the office of Warden of the parish, and Mrs. Nason to that of Secretary and Treasurer. Several communicants were admitted by the Bishop, and the Office of the Guild was said. It was explained that a day would be named for the monthly meeting of the Guild, to be the same throughout the Diocese, if practicable, and that the Bishop, as President, would fix a day for the annual celebration of Holy Communion, with especial intention for the object of the Guild, throughout the Diocese. On another evening, after the general congregation had separated, the Bishop addressed the choir, amongst other matters showing them by what means they might render the musical service more perfect. On Saturday, the 8th of August, a musical entertainment was given in the public hall, a general wish having been expressed that Mrs. Sillitoe should take part in the performance, her singing on former occasions having been heard with favor. The room was well filled on the occasion. There was no charge made for admission, but before the close of the entertainment the Bishop addressed the audience, telling them that he had been pained to see the state of the cemetery, with its fences out of repair, weeds and briars growing rampantly. He asked them to remove this stigma by making a collection then and there to provide funds for the repairs. This was well responded to, \$57 being contributed forthwith, and three gentlemen nominated to carry out the work, which it is estimated will cost over \$100. Subscription lists will be opened, and the friends and relatives of those interred in the cemetery will be applied to to give their aid to the work, and there is little doubt as to the necessary funds being forthcoming.

(To be continued.)