

soon as arrangements can be made. The next night Ashcroft was reached. The waggon which was being built here for the Bishop was not ready and he had to hire a trap from the B.C. Express Company. On Friday morning a drive of four miles brought them to the residence of Mr. Henry Cornwall. On Saturday the Bishop visited the Indian Ranch enquiring into the condition of the community spiritually and temporarily. The little Church is very well cared for according to the ability of the congregation. The Altar has been raised, and was profusely decorated with wild flowers, while, in lieu of dorsal hangings, a *Banner of Faith Almanack*, with its large red cross, decorated the wall above, together with a little Christmas card illustrating the Nativity. The Indians are all well-to-do and many improvements are seen in their dwellings. There were several applications for Baptism and Confirmation which the Bishop of course referred to the Missionary in charge.

Sunday May 5th: The Bishop said Matins, Celebrated and preached in the house. In the afternoon he was driven by ex-Governor Cornwall to Ashcroft town he first officiated at the burial of Mr. Craig, an old timer who had died the day before in Kamloops Hospital, and then said evensong and preached in the Ashcroft Hotel where a large congregation who had gathered from all around for the funeral, assembled. On the 7th., a start was made for Nicola, Spence's Bridge being the first stage. The next day a halt was made for lunch at Smith's Ranch, and an old acquaintance pleasantly renewed; the drive being continued afterwards as far as the "Forks," forty-two miles in all, where they were received by Mr. and Mrs. Armytage, and entertained for the night, and a short drive of eight miles the next day brought them to Clapperton's, where the second long halt was made. Friday 10th: the Bishop drove to Shooloos, the Indian Reserve near Coultie's, where he met Mr. Wright and Meshell and held a meeting of the Indians of the English Church. These have lately built themselves a new Church, the former one, built by Noweesken and opened by the Bishop some years ago having been appropriated by the new Chief who is a Romanist. Frantic endeavours are being made to induce our Indians here to desert, even to the extent of threatening them with the "Queen's soldiers," but they are standing firm and increasing rather than diminishing in numbers. A worse trouble assails them from a horde of ruffianly half-breed boys who, though sprung from Indian mothers themselves, have no respect for the honour and virtue of an Indian girl. There is no class in the community so troublesome and dangerous as these boys. A white hoodlum is bad enough but he is a tame animal compared with his half-breed brother. The whole Nicola valley is suffering from a plague of grasshoppers which threaten to destroy the whole grain crop of the season, and on many of the Ranges are eating off the grass too and making the stockmen very anxious about their feed.

Sunday, May 12th: the Bishop celebrated at Nicola Lake, in the house of Mr. Clapperton; said Matins (assisted by Mr. Wright) and preached at the Forks at 11, and said Evensong and preached at Nicola in the evening. On Monday the journey was resumed as far as Quilshanna where a short evening service was held in the house of Mrs. Mickle, a lady who does so much for the Diocesan Fund by means of sales of work. Next day in the Nicola Mines, a station altogether new to the travelers, was reached, and very pleasant, comfortable quarters found in the Hotel managed by Mr. and Mrs. Morton. A considerable congregation of miners, teamsters and others assembled for evening service. The Hotel is situated in the midst of some of the most charming scenery of the Nicola valley, and being at an elevation of nearly 2000 feet above

thesea, in a perfectly dry atmosphere, it might be made one of the most attractive and valuable health resorts in the Province, and, so long as Mrs. Morton is in charge nothing will be wanting in regard to cleanliness, comfort, and consideration. The Hotel is 30 miles from Kamloops. Both the Bishop and Mrs. Sillitoe regretted that, owing to their fixed dates, they were unable to enjoy longer the many attractions of the house and neighborhood.

Wednesday, 15th: drove to Kamloops; 16th. to Duck's, or, rather, what once was Duck's, but is no longer, save in name. On Thursday the rain, which for many days had been threatening, seemed to have made up its mind and came down in a fashion much more conducive to the welfare of the crops, than the comfort of travellers in an open buggy. The trip, therefore, from Duck's to Grand Prairie was a somewhat disagreeable one; and the discomfort of it was not mitigated at nightfall by a plain refusal of accommodation at a house which is generally supposed to be a public one. The Bishop had no equipment for camping out, and there was nothing for it, therefore, but an appeal *ad misericordiam* someone else, and fortunately for belated and disappointed travellers, this appeal has never to be carried very far in British Columbia. On the next ranch are two English gentlemen named Homfray, and, though till now total strangers to the Bishop, and quite unprepared to receive ladies, they no sooner understood the condition of affairs than they made the best arrangements they could for his comfort and Mrs. Sillitoe's; and, as these misadventures often turn out, the happy acquirement of two new friends more than compensated for the previous mortification. The rain continued all next day, but a good deal of the road between Grand Prairie and Spilumcheen is as nature made it, and is a credit to her; and if one only could avoid the portions where man has interfered, with his art and with his shovel, the rain would signify but little. Unfortunately this is impossible, and here and there, in consequence, in rainy weather, there are miry places, holes full of water of uncertain depth, and places where the road has been recently mended, and these last are the greatest trial of all to the temper of man and the patience of beasts.

Saturday afternoon brought the party to Mr. Lumby's hospitable roof in Spilumcheen; and they were fortunate in finding Mr. Lumby himself at home, for the interests of the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway have made him almost a stranger on his own estate for the last two years. The hope of the settlers, however, seems now on the point of accomplishment, and in that case there will be no more prosperous settlement in the Province than this.

Mr. Irwin arrived from Kamloops in the evening, having come by rail to Sicamoo and on by steamer.

Sunday, May 19th: Services commenced with Morning Prayer and Celebration at Enderby, Mr. Irwin assisting and the Bishop being preacher. The room had been nicely arranged for a reverent celebration by Mr. Smyth. After Service the Bishop and Mrs. Sillitoe were entertained at luncheon by Mr. and Mrs. Laws, and then drove to Lanesdowne for afternoon service which was held in the Church, visited on this occasion for the first time by the Bishop. After a cup of tea at Miss Furstenan's another start was made for Vernon which was reached soon after 7 o'clock, in time for another Evensong and Sermon.

This had been a somewhat arduous day, and a rest on Monday and Tuesday in the more than comfortable quarters of Mr. and Mrs. Dowdney's house was very welcome. Another service was held here on Tuesday evening and next morning the return journey was commenced.

The first day was a long one as the Bishop had promised to hold service on Wednesday

at Duck's, and a drive of fifty-five miles had to be accomplished. It was now fine again however, and the sun had effected a very satisfactory drying up of the road, and with a three hour's rest at Grand Prairie in the middle of the day Duck's was reached soon after seven, in time for a service which was well attended by the members of the household and the railway section men who make their home there.

Kamloops was reached the next day and a hospitable welcome in the house of Mr. and Mrs. Mara. The next day was Queen's Birthday and it was celebrated by two Picnics which, together, nearly absorbed the whole population of the town. The Bishop took advantage of the prevailing quiet to get through a lot of correspondence.

On Saturday a crowded meeting of the Vestry was held at which Church matters were freely and fully discussed, and at the close the Bishop appointed a Committee consisting of Mr. Bidley, Dr. Tanstall, and Messrs. Powers, Barnes, Lawrence and Spinks, who are to consider the opinions expressed at the meeting and report to the Bishop. On Sunday, May 26th., Bishop celebrated at 8 a. m., and preached morning and evening, being assisted all day by Mr. Irwin.

On Monday evening the party left for Yale, and stopping off there to visit the School reached home on the 29th.

#### DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HUBBARD'S COVE.—On Thursday morning the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia left Halifax for the purpose of holding confirmation in the parish of Hubbard's Cove, being met at Mason's, head of St. Margaret's bay, by Rev. H. Stamer, and at St. James' church, North Shore, confirmed and addressed a class of 17. He then proceeded to the rectory, Hubbard's Cove, and on the following forenoon he confirmed 28 in St. Luke's church; and in the afternoon at Mill Cove in St. Mark's church, 19 were confirmed—making in all in this parish 64. His addresses at the several services were most impressive and instructive. After having completed the work in the parish of Hubbard's Cove he left with Rev. Mr. Roy, of Blandford, to hold a confirmation the same evening at North-West Cove, returning the following day to the rectory, Hubbard's Cove.

#### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*The Cathedral*.—The young ladies of Christ Church Cathedral have presented a handsome Communion cloth to their church. It was designed by Mr. A. T. Taylor, architect of this city, and has been worked by Sister Sarah and the other ladies who assist her in St. Margaret's Home. Competent judges affirm that for beauty, both of design and execution, the new communion cloth is a work of art of the highest merit.

St. Jude's.—Confirmation service was held last Sunday evening in St. Jude's Church, when twenty-six persons were confirmed by Bishop Bond. This is the third service of Confirmation held during the past twelve months; the whole number confirmed during that time being 96.

#### THE BISHOP OF ALGOMA ON THE JESUITS QUESTION.

At the Diocesan Council held at Parry Sound, Ont., on the 13th instant, Bishop Sullivan in his charge referred to this matter, saying:—

"I would be false to my own convictions and derelict to duty were I to pass over without note or comment the iniquitous bill by which a Provincial Legislature voted, and the Dominion Government by its silence has endorsed, the payment of \$400,000 to the Jesuits as compensation for the losses sustained by the con-