

THANKS.

Illness in his family prevented the Editor attending to his usual duties during August. He has now to thank the Rev. W. H. P. Arden for most kindly preparing and distributing the last number of the Diocesan Magazine.

INDIAN GATHERING AT HOPE.

To the Editor of the Diocesan Magazine :

SIR, - I must request you to allow me to complain publicly in your columns of the tone of a paragraph in the account of the Hope Indian gathering that appears in the Magazine for the current month. It is the third paragraph on page 13, in which it is reported that 'according to the general usage of this Diocese what are termed the "Five Points of Ritualism" were punctiliously observed.'

These words, and especially the use of inverted commas in connection with them, involve a covert suggestion of illegality, or of impropriety at the least ; while the word " punctiliously " suggests the use of ceremonial merely for its own sake.

I strongly protest against both these suggestions. There is no longer the faintest excuse for questioning the legality of the practices alluded to, while my Clergy are all of them too well instructed to be 'mere ritualists.' I am sure that the insertion of the paragraph was due to inadvertence alone, but nevertheless, as it is calculated to do us harm in the estimation of your readers, I feel obliged to request you to allow this protest to appear.

Yours faithfully,

A. W., NEW WESTMINSTER.

[We gladly print the letter of the Bishop of New Westminster, and are sorry that any expressions used by our correspondent should have appeared to reflect upon the usages of his Diocese. We are sure, however, that no reflection was intended. As the Bishop says, there is no longer any question as to the legality of the five points, and there is no parish in our own Diocese in which one or more of them are not observed.—Ed.]

THE BISHOP'S VISIT TO NANAIMO.

PRESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS OF FAREWELL.

The Bishop left Victoria on Saturday, August 27th, on a four days' visit to Nanaimo and district, making St. Paul's Rectory his headquarters. On Sunday morning, he preached in the old church of St. Paul's, to a large congregation, on the text, "Add to your faith, virtue, * * *"—2 Peter. 1 : 5 ; and