

Diocese of New Westminster, B. C.

At the eleventh annual meeting of the Synod just lately held there were present the Bishop of the Diocese, 17 Clergy and 27 Lay Delegates besides the Officials, the Legal Assessor and the Accountant. The Synod sermon was delivered by the Rev. A. R. Macduff. The Bishop in his address announced that Holy Trinity Church had been constituted his Cathedral, and referred to the resignation of Bishop Hills of the adjoining Diocese of Columbia. The Report of the Committee on the Incorporation of Synod was adopted and a Committee appointed to secure the necessary legislation at the next meeting of the Provincial legislature. A resolution was adopted as to the Indian School asking the Dominion Government to urge forward the establishment of an Industrial School at Lytton for the benefit of the Indians attached to the Anglican Communion. It was also resolved that the time had arrived in the interest of The Church to consider the advisability of dividing the present Diocese of New Westminster into two portions and of appointing a Diocesan for the new Diocese. The Executive Committee were instructed to consider the subject and report at the next Synod. Trinity College received the endorsement of the Synod by a special resolution affirming that it deserves the earnest support of the Clergy and Laity throughout the Diocese. A special resolution of sympathy with the Synod of the Diocese of Columbia on parting with the first Bishop was adopted and assurance given of the hope that a fit successor might be chosen to fill the place and carry on the work, the foundations of which had been so well laid by Bishop Hills.

The Bishop of New Westminster in response to an invitation of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of Canada, has arranged the following tour. He proposes to arrive in Toronto on Feb. 10th, in Hamilton on Feb. 17th, in London on Feb. 24th, in Montreal on March 3rd, in Quebec on March 10th, in Ottawa on March 17th.

The following clergymen have charge of the arrangements in the several cities:—In *Toronto*, the Rev. A. Williams; in *Hamilton*, the Bishop; in *London*, the Rev. Canon Richardson; in *Montreal*, the Ven. Archdeacon Evans; in *Quebec*, the Rev. A. J. Balfour; in *Ottawa*, the Rev. Rural Dean Pollard.

DIOCESE OF COLUMBIA, B. C.

THE SYNOD.—The Synod for the election of a Bishop was held on Nov. 22nd and resulted in delegating the choice to the Archbishop of Canterbury. We have already advanced reasons for thinking it would have been better to elect a bishop ourselves and from our own diocese; but having made our decision we earnestly hope that it will be loyally accepted by every one; and when our new bishop comes we hope he will meet with a cordial and hearty reception on all hands: and that he will see a spirit of unity and good will exists in every part of his diocese. Our congregation will be gratified to know that all our delegates were present and voted in every ballot. The proceedings opened with a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Cathedral. The preliminaries were then discussed and

settled in the school house after which the delegates and clergy returned to the Cathedral for the ballot. This was of course conducted in silence, and the sight was a solemn one likely to impress every one with the sacredness of his responsibility; the ballots continued until past midnight, when the decision was attained. The canon required a two-third majority of each order—clergy and laity. The Archdeacon presided throughout and his wonderful tact contributed greatly to the harmonious spirit which characterized the proceedings of the day. We greatly regret that the craving for a new man caused the Synod to overlook the qualifications of their presiding officer; and we feel that had their choice fallen upon him, it would have been a good thing for the diocese.

When the choice has been made by the Archbishop it is proposed that the information shall be simultaneously given on the Sunday morning following to the different congregations by their clergy.—*Parish Paper, St. Albans.*

NANAIMO.

ST. ALBANS THE MARTYR.—At the bazaar lately held in this parish a sum total of \$501.80 was received leaving nett proceeds of \$417.55.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CRAPAUD.

St. John's Church, Crapaud, has recently been completely renovated inside. The walls have been papered, the ceiling has been kalsomined, the wood work painted, the chancel window appropriately and beautifully decorated with "Patent Glacier," and some handsome texts painted on zinc have been affixed to the walls on either side of the chancel arch. The funds for the work were raised chiefly by the enterprising and energetic Ladies' Aid Society of the parish. Messrs. Geo. Lowther and Isaac Smith with the co-operation of several other parishioners have lately replaced the old bell-tower of the above Church, which was becoming rickety and dangerous by a strong new one. On the 30th ult. the rector (the Rev. A. W. Daniel) was presented by a number of his parishioners and friends with a fine cow to take the place of his cow that had died a short time before.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

There will be an ordination on St. Thomas' Day in the Cathedral.

ST. GEORGE'S.—The Parish will build a new church in the spring, the present building being too small.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.—Seven lots have been purchased in the N. W. part of the city by the Dean and Chapter for a new Mission between Christ Church and the Cathedral, which will be organized in the spring.

Funds are on hand for a Memorial Font, for the memory of the first Bishop of Rupert's Land, Dr. Anderson.

RAT PORTAGE.

The basement of the church is finished, and the church will be completed in February. The Bishop of the Diocese preached at both services on the 11th.

The Rev. Geo. Rogers, Diocesan Missionary is meeting with much success in his efforts to raise \$6,000.00 for the coming year for the Home Mission Fund. Each parish is apportioned a certain sum, according to the number of families. So far the parishes have exceeded their apportionment. Pledge cards are used at the services, promising amounts at a definite date.

WINNIPEG.

HOLY TRINITY.—The "Messiah" was sung on the 13th and 15th in the church with a chorus of 110 singers under the direction of Mr. David Ross, Choir-Master.

CHRIST CHURCH.—Canon Pentreath preached on the death of Tennyson last Sunday "Crossing the Bar," sung for the first time at his funeral, Oct. 12th, was sung during the offertory. There are now 44 voices in this choir. The church has a fine pipe organ, and a cornet accompanies the organ.

Correspondence.

The Increase of the Episcopate.

To the Editor of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN.

SIR,—I read the recent letter of *Laicus* with much pleasure. I am glad he has urged the necessity for an increase of the Canadian Episcopate with so much force. The impression is gaining ground everywhere that the real source of our weakness is the lack of Bishops. We need more money, more priests, more consecrated laymen, but first and above everything else more Bishops. And truly as your correspondent urges why all this bother about large endowments. And then not scores of well qualified priest who would gladly undertake the office and work of a Bishop without any endowment whatever? Why should it be necessary to provide an endowment at all for the Successors of those men who went forth without purse or scrip. Anyway there would be no danger but that men who made the venture in faith would be suitably provided for. And why, as *Laicus* asks, should a Bishop have (apart from his travelling expenses) a larger stipend than a priest? Why should he be expected to assume any more social dignity than a humble Minister of Christ? Do not all these things unfortunately associated in our minds with the office of a Bishop, savior of the "world, the flesh and the devil"? What more than a living does a Bishop need?

Earnestly praying that this new "Forward Movement" in the Church may be abundantly blessed. Believe me to remain,

Yours, etc.,

RICHARD FERGUSON.

CHRISTMAS, though not the greatest of the Christian Festivals is yet scarcely inferior to EASTER while the custom of Western Christendom and of our own country in particular, has made it even more joyous. Not merely is the season dear to every Christian heart that knows something of the loving kindness of God, as shown by sending His Divine Son into our human world; but all lawful human joys, all family relationship, all that brings light and sweetness into our natural life, finds shelter, sanction, consecration in the stable at Bethlehem.—*Liddon.*

Men who reject Christianity often do not know what the case for it really is.

They have been familiar with Christian language; with the language of the Bible, it may be for years; and they mistake this familiarity for real knowledge.

They do not reflect upon it, so as to see its harmonies, its ample moral justification with depths by depths of interconnected truth.

Living as they do upon the surface they are impressed by apparent difficulties about it; they ask to put their hands into the "print of the nails" if they are to receive it.

He who stood before Thomas waits to appear, by His Grace, in the centre of their souls. But whether they will adore Him if He does, is an anxious question.