

parents have fallen through contact with the white man and his fire-water? Let me say that the paucity of girls on this Reserve makes the subject of their training more difficult than that of the boys, as the former are kept at home so much for household duties.

"As regards the hospital, there has always been a great need of one, but not until quite lately has such a plan looked at all feasible. The Indians now favour the idea and wish me to do what I can to help them in the matter. We wish to erect as cheap a building as possible, consistent with warmth and cleanliness. We estimate the cost at less than \$100, including a small coal stove. The Indian Commissioner promised \$25 in aid. It will be built close to our mission house, and will be attended to by my wife and other kind helpers.

"These are our needs. The supply of them will help us very materially in our effort to lead the poor Indian to the cross of Christ. Our work is threefold: to preach the Gospel to the poor; to feed the lambs; and to heal the sick. It is a happy and a holy work, and one in which I am sure many a friend in Canada will be glad to share, and they can do, so by enabling us to put up these simple buildings and in following up the offering with their prayers for the divine blessing.

"The boarding school, when complete, will be conducted by my brother, Mr. Stanley F. Stocken, who, after two and a half years amongst the Blackfeet, joined me amongst the Sarcees in December, 1889.

"We are anxious to get these buildings up and at work *at once*, as the winter is the time when there is the truest need for such work.

"How much have those who live in warm houses with so many blessings around them to be thankful for! Who will try to cheer the lives of this little band by giving them the simple comforts that I ask for?"

FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA.

 THE Rev. D. Holmes, missionary at Chemainus, British Columbia, thus writes to us:—

"An item from the far west may not be wearisome to your readers, as we very seldom see much in your valuable paper regarding the work in this Diocese. I know not the reason why, unless the clergy are too busy to write, or else are doubtful of the amount of interest which may be displayed with regard to our work. I am sorry to say that I have not yet received help from the East. It cannot be that we have not needed help, nor is it that we have had no churches or parsonages to build. I may quote from the Bishop's address to the Synod held a few weeks ago: 'Since October three new churches have been completed, St. Barnabas,

Spring Ridge; St. Saviour's, Victoria West; and St. Michael and All Angels', Chemainus. The latter church we owe to the zeal, self-sacrifice and personal labour of the Rev. David Holmes, who has been a chief mover in the erection of six other churches since he came into the Province.'

(From the "Daily Colonist," August 30th, 1891.)

CONSECRATION OF THE NEW CHURCH AT CHEMAINUS BY THE BISHOP OF COLUMBIA.

"The new church of St. Michael and All Angels, Chemainus, was consecrated yesterday by the Lord Bishop of Columbia.

"Travelling by the morning train from Victoria, His Lordship arrived at the church a few minutes before eleven, accompanied by the Archdeacon and the Revs. G. W. Taylor, J. A. Leakey, H. Kinghorn, W. S. Barber, S. S. Scholefield, and S. Agassiz. The petition for consecration was presented to the Bishop at the church door by Rev. D. Holmes, the incumbent of the parish, and Mr. Porter, churchwarden.

"The petition having been read by the Rev. G. W. Taylor, acting as Registrar, the Bishop and clergy proceeded up the aisle to the chancel, repeating, in alternate verses, the 24th Psalm. After the dedication prayers by the Bishop, the Archdeacon read the sentence of consecration, which the Bishop signed upon the holy table and handed to the Deputy Registrar, to be kept among the records of the Diocese. Morning prayer was then read by Rev. D. Holmes and the Holy Communion celebrated by the Archdeacon, the other clergy taking part in the lessons, epistle and gospel.

"The sermon was preached by the Bishop from St. Luke vii, 4-5, and was listened to with marked interest and attention by a congregation which completely filled the church.

"A goodly number of church people went up from Victoria and Cowichan to witness the consecration, and Mr. Holmes received many hearty congratulations upon the success of his work and the beauty of the church, the interior fittings of which he had made with his own hands. This is the seventh church which Mr. Holmes has been instrumental in building, and he deserves all credit for his energy and perseverance. After the service was over the Bishop and clergy and their friends sat down to an excellent lunch, at Gray's hotel, returning by the afternoon train.

"Rev. H. Kingham, who was formerly in charge of the District of Chemainus, remained for the services of the following day. The offertory amounted to the gratifying sum of \$30. In future services will be held morning and evening at St. Michael's, and in the afternoon at the River Church.

"The new church is built upon a site given by the former owners of the saw mill, Messrs. Croft, and is just below the station. A good bell hangs in the little turret and was heard for