

in instructing a few individuals. A young woman applied for admission into the Church, but I thought it advisable to postpone it until she has received a little more preparation. The Indians are very desirous of having a resident missionary, and one is much needed. Would that the need could be supplied!

St. Peter's Mission, Hay River, our latest enterprise, is one of the bright spots in the diocese. It was opened only last year, but the Indians already seem to love their missionary, the Rev. T. J. Marsh, have rallied round him, and have shown their appreciation of his efforts on their behalf by their regular attendance at the Sunday services, his little room nearly always being full to overflowing. I spent a week there at the end of August and was much cheered by what I saw. A good substantial log house has been erected, and another building to serve as school and church is to be put up as soon as possible. Several of the young men have learned to read the syllabics, and we hope that much more progress will be made this winter, as I have sent my lay helper, Mr. Webb, to assist in the teaching and to aid Mr. Marsh in his other multifarious duties. The Roman Catholic priests have tried to draw the Indians away, but with no success so far.

Fort Resolution is a hotbed of Romanism, and we have no converts there; but that Mr. and Mrs. Spendlove's patient, persevering efforts have not been in vain is evident from the fact that, last summer, there was a "talk" among the leading Indians as to whether half of them should not join the Protestant Church, and the other half remain as they are. This may end in nothing but talk; but the fact of such an idea having been entertained is significant and encouraging, and I trust Mr. and Mrs. Spendlove will be stimulated and cheered by it, and still go on "sowing beside all waters."

Fort Simpson is the last to come under survey, but is not the least. It is the principal post in the diocese, and, from a spiritual point of view, perhaps the most unsatisfactory. Still, there are not wanting signs of encouragement. There is a marked change for the better in certain matters. The week-day services held in the summer were very fairly attended. A greater desire for instruction has been shown on the part of some. The reading of the blessed Word to a poor old cripple the other day brought a prick to her conscience and tears to her eyes, and she has frequently expressed hearty thanks when visited and prayed for, and when she has been able to crawl to church. Our few day scholars have attended very regularly, and made good progress, and the attendance at the English service and Sunday evening singing class has been good on the whole. Three young people have been confirmed here and four at Resolution.

At the other posts in the diocese we have no resident missionary, and there is nothing particular to say about them, excepting that some of them are asking for and require a teacher. But, first of all, I want a man for Fort Wrigley, and an assistant for Mr. Stringer, for whom he has pleaded so forcibly. Who will go for us? Is there no one who will say, Here am I, send me? And is there no one or no church who will seize the honour of sending and supporting such an one? "How can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach except they be sent?"

I must not forget to say a word about the diocesan school, an important institution in the diocese. Two new scholars have been added, but other two have left, so the number remains the same. A lady in England raises £10 a year for the support of a little girl there, and I shall be glad to hear of others who are willing to do likewise. We are losing the services of the matron, Miss Lawrence, who has worthily filled the situation and proved herself a painstaking teacher, and her place is not yet supplied. We have also lost the valuable aid of her brother, who has gone to more civilized regions to look for a wife.

It will be seen from the foregoing that there is not a little to be thankful for and not a little to cheer and encourage us. That there are discouragements and worries and troubles and anxieties is but natural and to be expected, but it is no use bringing them forward. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits," is the feeling of my heart, and I would ask you to mingle this note of praise with your prayers on our behalf.

Perhaps this "alleluia" is partly owing to the fact that my dear wife has been permitted to rejoin me after seven years spent in England, and that I have now the comfort of her presence and help again. She arrived here on Sept. 6th, not much the worse for her long and trying journey. Alleluia!

For the benefit of those who wish to help us, it may be mentioned that contributions may be paid through H. G. Malaher, Esq., 20 Compton Terrace, Islington, London, England; Mr. G. Bliss, Church Missions House, New York, U.S.A.; the Very Rev. Dean Grisdale, St. John's, Winnipeg, Canada; Wycliffe College Missions, Toronto, Canada; the

Woman's Auxiliaries, Canada, or the Rev. Dr. Mockridge, Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, Toronto. Very faithfully yours,

W. D. REEVE, D.D.,
Bishop of Mackenzie River.

St. David's Mission, Fort Simpson,
Mackenzie River, N.W.T., Nov. 20th, 1894.

THE CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

(From our own special correspondent.)

There can be no doubt but that the recent pastoral from our Right Rev. Fathers in God will help much in allaying the uneasiness which several hundreds of our people have felt lately on account of "strange doctrine."

In spite of Prayer Book revelations—to say nothing of ordination vows—almost a majority of our priests fail to say morning and evening prayer daily, and in many country places—as well as some city churches—the existence of saints' days probably is unheard of.

The Rev. Dr. Rainsford, of New York City, is in favour of the adoption of the Gottenberg system.

Professor Fullerton, Dean of the University of Pennsylvania, is a priest of this Church.

The Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia (Dr. Courtney) has been visiting New York, and spoke recently on temperance at the Church Missions House.

The Girls' Friendly Society is making great headway here.

The Bishop of Pennsylvania (Dr. Whitaker) is now able to attend to his Episcopal duties.

The Rev. E. G. Buchanan, D.D., who was ordained by Bishop White, Primate of the American Church, is dead. R.I.P. The Bishop of Delaware was at his funeral.

At a recent ordination held at the Western Theological Seminary, Chicago, there were present three Bishops.

The Bishop of Western New York (Dr. Coxe) has the sympathy of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance in the death of his brother.

Church work in the missionary jurisdiction of Western Texas has made gigantic strides with the able administration of Bishop Johnston.

The following are the statistics of the Diocese of Southern Virginia (Dr. Randolph) for the past year: Clergy, 77; parishes, 165; candidates for Holy Orders, 27; confirmations, 1,037; communicants, 10,203, and offerings, \$176,276.

The Rev. Dean Hodges, addressing a meeting at Association Hall, Boston, recently, advocated the speech of the average man as the speech of the pulpit, and said the object is to persuade men to believe. It will be remembered that Dr. Hodges refused the Assistant-Bishopric of Oregon before going to the Cambridge (Mass.) Divinity School.

The rector of one of the churches in Boston recently criticized the pastoral of the House of Bishops. He did so because he regarded it as the production of an individual Bishop, and not of the House of Bishops.

The Rev. Dr. Brooks has resigned his position as private secretary to the Bishop of Massachusetts (Dr. Lawrence). The rev. gentleman is a brother of the late Bishop.

The Bishop of Vermont (Dr. Hall) will hold a "Retreat" in the Diocese of Maine during the coming summer.

BRIEF MENTION.

The Rev. S. Baring-Gould denies that he is such a very prolific writer. As a rule, he writes but one novel a year.

Egyptian lamps dating, it is believed, from 3000 B.C., have been discovered in the catacombs along the Nile.

Buttons were used in Troy. Schliemann found over 1,900 of gold.

The two fields of Waterloo and Linden are each covered with a crop of crimson poppies every year.

Last Wednesday, the members of St. John's Church, Almonte, presented Rev. A. E. Mitchell with a fur overcoat.

Curtains were employed for bedsteads in the eleventh century; they were afterwards transferred to windows.

Dishes of gold and silver used in table service in 900 B.C., were found at Troy by Dr. Schliemann. One of these was about the size now employed.

Is your digestion weakened by la grippe? Use K.D.C.

The first gas lamps in Dublin were put in position in 1818, and before 1825 the entire Irish capital was thus lighted.

The Right Rev. F. Courtney, Bishop of Nova Scotia, sailed on the "Teutonic" from New York last Thursday.

Louisiana has the largest farm in the United States. It is 100 miles one way and 25 the other. The fencing alone cost \$50,000.

The Rev. J. Cooper Robinson, who has been engaged in missionary work in Japan for the last six years, preached in St. George's Church, Ottawa, last Sunday.

A musical instrument, the pyrophone, has been invented, which extracts all the tones of the scale from gas flames.

K.D.C. Pills tone and regulate the liver.

In China, which has long been known as "the land of opposites," the dials of clocks are made to turn around, while the hands stand still.

The largest price paid in England during 1894 for a work of art at auction sale was 11,000 guineas (\$57,750). This sum was given by Mr. Charles J. Wertheimer for Reynolds' "Lady Betty Delme."

A missionary in Liberia, Africa, reports hundreds of steamers, some carrying 4,000 tons, running to that country "laden with rum, the very vilest that chemistry can concoct."

Dr. Conan Doyle's new series of short stories is to be entitled "The Adventures of Brigadier Gerard." The hero is a cavalry officer in Napoleon's army. The stories are to appear in the *Strand Magazine*.

After the death of Archbishop Magee the Archbishopric of York was offered to the Bishop of Chester, who modestly refused it. The Archbishopric was also declined by the Bishop of Durham.

The Government of Russia recently sanctioned state purchases of grain, to be used in providing for the public wants as well as for the army. The primary object of the purchases was to relieve the depression of the grain trade.

\$200 ill spent for other cures, \$5 well spent for K.D.C.

On Friday, February 1st, the Bishop of Niagara, on behalf of His Grace the Archbishop of Ontario, consecrated the church of St. David, Wales, in the parish of Onabruck and Moulinette, and confirmed 115 persons.

It is estimated that a capital of £70,000,000 is invested in the linen industry in Ireland, which gives employment to an army of skilled workers at its 850,000 spindles and 28,000 power looms.

The Church in Wales in the last fifty years has doubled her clergy, doubled number of children in her schools, spent £3,000,000 on church building, built or restored 1,228 churches, spent £1,000,000 on education, and £750,000 on hospitals.

On Wednesday, February 13th, Mrs. Baldwin, wife of the late Canon Baldwin, passed away at her home in Toronto. The deceased lady was sister to the late Dean Grasett and sister-in-law to Chief Justice Hagarty. Her only surviving sister is Mrs. Gates of Hamilton.

The Bishop of Norwich, England, has been speaking out against "the distressing levity with which marriage is frequently regarded." His lordship included among the accompaniments of a fashionable marriage "the not uncommon levity of the marriage party; the church crowded with sightseers, gazing at a rare show; the irreverence in God's house; the whispered comments on the bride, her dress; the murmured laughter; the vulgar horseplay at the door of the church, sometimes in the sacred house itself."

British and Foreign.

The new Church of St. Paul's at Morley was consecrated recently by the Bishop of Wakefield. It has been erected at a cost of £6,400, and will seat 900 persons.

A new Mission to Seamen Institute is about to be built for the use of the 37,000 sailors of various nationalities who annually enter the Tees. When completed, with its church overhead, it will have cost about £3,500, of which £2,000 has already been raised.

The Liverpool Clergy Sustentation Fund, with the aid of the Bishop, has succeeded in bringing the income of all the incumbents of poor and populous parishes up to £275, and it is now hoped to reach £300.

Truth states that Bishop Johnson, who was appointed by Lord Salisbury to the See of Calcutta in 1876, has announced his intention of resigning in the spring. The office is now worth about £2,700 a year, with an excellent residence at Calcutta. Bishop Johnson will retire on a pension of £800 a year.

The Bishop of Jamaica (Dr. Nuttall), who is also the Primate of the West Indies, gave great pains, during his recent visit to this country, to reorganize and set on a permanent footing the Jamaica Church